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PROFESSOR LAYTON STILL IN SEARCH OF WONDER BRAINS

One week in and the puzzling panic is still widespread across once jolly London. The iron-witted Professor Hershel Layton is still on the lookout for potential puzzlers to change the fate of their fair city. Problem is most citizens still seem more keen to pose puzzles rather than solve them. On

asking one kind citizen to lend their brain to the cause, they responded, "See, the other day I asked this mate on the street for exact change for a dollar. He said he had blinkin' more than a dollar's worth but couldn't make exact change! Is that even possible? What's the most change you can have without having change for a dollar?" Odd.¹

When the professor approached another normal-enough-looking citizen, they wondered, "Professor, I just got a

letter concerning a dinner party I'm throwing tomorrow for family friends. It said that "one grandpa, one grandma, two fathers, two mothers, four children, three grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, two sons, two daughters, one father-in-law, one mother-in-law and one daughter-in-law" are coming. How many people should I expect for dinner tomorrow?²

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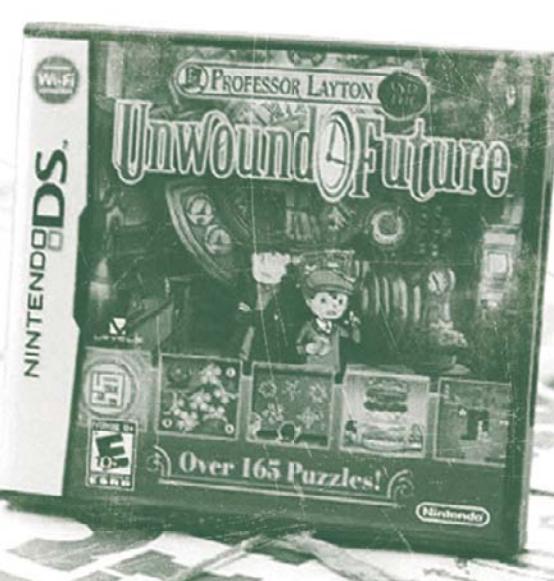
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I recently discovered a rather interesting carving on a wall that read "B+Y=G, R+Y=O and R+B=?". What could that last equation be adding up to? Do you have the wit to decode it, friend?

Too easy? Why I just knew you had a keen wit! Keep solving and carry on!



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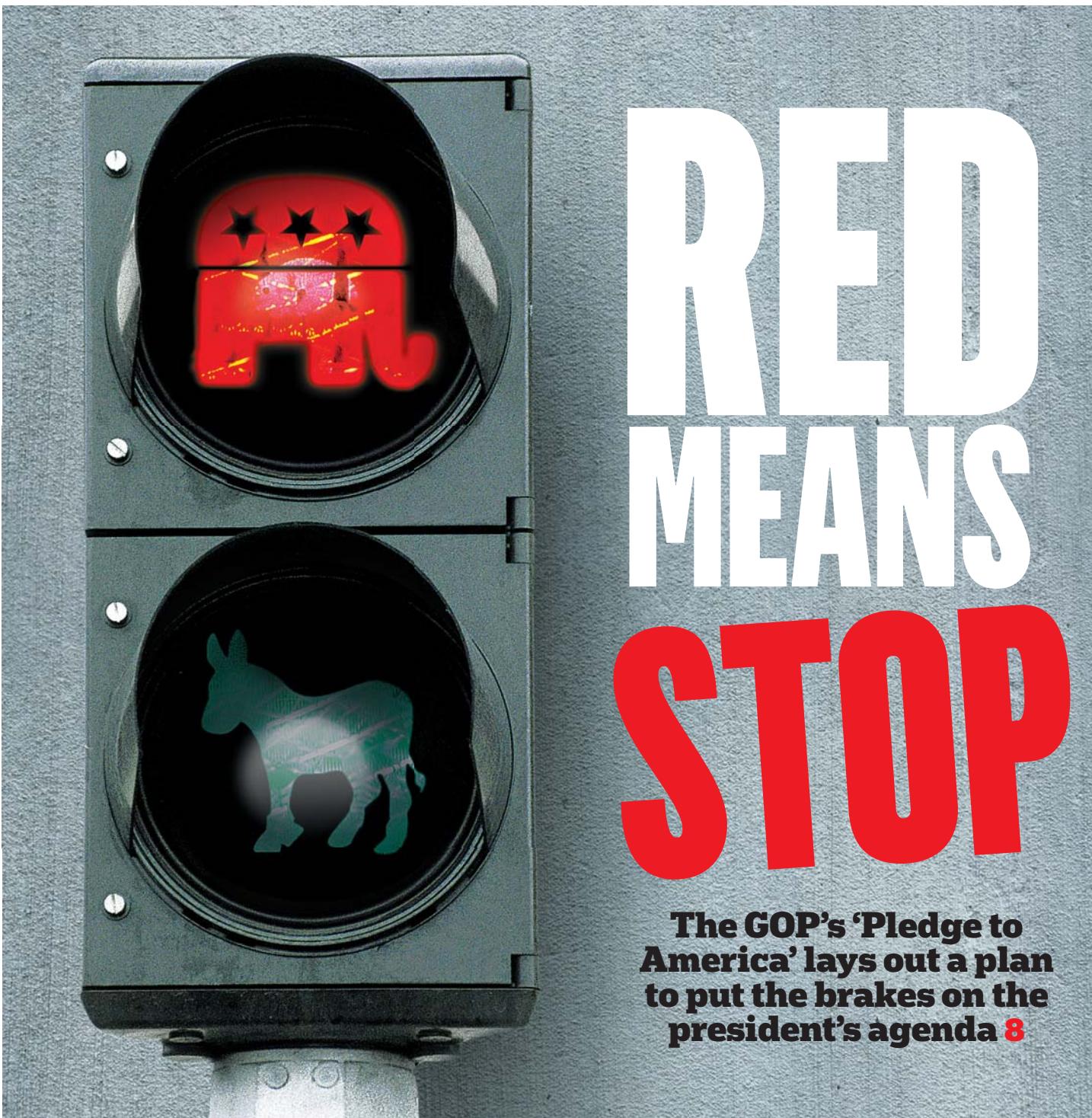
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The Poor Man's Cucumber Has a Day in the Spotlight

A Frenchtown, Mont., woman fended off a bear Thursday using the first weapon she could reach — a zucchini. She woke up during the night to find a black bear attacking one of her dogs. The bear charged her, and she grabbed the nearest object: a 12-inch-long zucchini. She threw it, it hit the bear, and the bear ran. (AP)



Worst Name for Food Since Go-Gurt

A Pittsburgh-area restaurant has stopped calling one flavor of its hot wings "black-on-black crime" after customers complained about the negative racial connotation. Matt Cercone, owner of Big Shot Bob's House of Wings, said the name referred to the wings' being cooked in dark sauce and Black Magic seasoning. (AP)

A Perfect Day Ruined by 'Do Animals Have Souls?'

The rector of a Hingham, Mass., church says parishioners at a "preach on the beach" picnic at the shore were interrupted by a Canada goose being shot by a hunter. He said the goose fell into the water but did not die immediately. The event was designed for children to remind them that God isn't found just in a church. (AP)

The Big Picture



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GIANT LANTERNS glow at a celebration of fall in Hong Kong on Wednesday. The Mid-Autumn Festival is held on the 15th day of the eighth month in the Chinese calendar; the date parallels the autumnal equinox of the solar calendar, when the moon is at its fullest. (EXPRESS)

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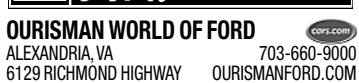


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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Campaign Finance Bill Runs Into GOP Roadblock

Senate Republicans on Thursday stood fast in blocking legislation requiring special interest groups running campaign ads to identify their donors. Mirroring a Senate vote on the bill last July, all 39 Republicans who voted stopped Democrats from bringing the campaign disclosure bill to the Senate floor. The 59-39 vote fell one short of the 60 needed to advance the legislation. (AP)

NEW YORK

Scientist Gets 86 Years For Firing on U.S. Troops

A U.S.-trained Pakistani scientist convicted of trying to kill U.S. agents and military officers in Afghanistan was sentenced Thursday to 86 years in prison after she delivered a message of world peace and forgave the judge. "I am a Muslim, but I love Americans, too," Aafia Siddiqui said. (AP)

SEATTLE

Four Killed in Shooting

Police said four people were fatally shot and one was wounded at a southwest Seattle home Thursday, and the woman suspected of firing the shots apparently is among the dead. A 42-year-old woman who was wounded told officers: "My mom has gone crazy," Assistant Police Chief Jim Pugel told KOMO News. (AP)

What Killed the Video Store?

Blockbuster's fall into bankruptcy signals the end of an era

San Francisco

Blockbuster video stores used to be the town square for home entertainment, bustling with people roaming the aisles in search of a movie that the whole family could enjoy in their living room for just a few bucks.

9,100

The number of stores Blockbuster had in its peak, 2004. Currently, the chain has 3,300 locations — though experts expect hundreds of those to close under new owners. (AP)

The stores melded discovery and convenience, making it possible to stumble upon a movie that you would never have bothered to see in the theaters and be back on your couch in a matter of minutes with your own bowl of popcorn.

And if you were on the fence about buying a VCR back in the



RON HEFLIN/AP

Blockbuster intends to continue operating stores despite filing for Chapter 11.



Newark's New Friend: Mark Zuckerberg, the 26-year-old wunderkind behind Facebook, is making a move to become a player in philanthropy just before the opening of a film that portrays him as less than charitable. The recipient of his \$100 million donation — thought to be the biggest of his young life — is the Newark public schools, a long-struggling district that could use the money to become a laboratory for reforms. (AP)

1980s, Blockbuster was everywhere, turning the decision into a no-brainer. Now we're more likely to pluck DVDs out of a mailbox or a vending machine in the local supermarket — or get even more immediate gratification by playing a movie through cable or high-speed Internet.

The long shift finally pushed Blockbuster Inc. into bankruptcy Thursday, raising the possibility

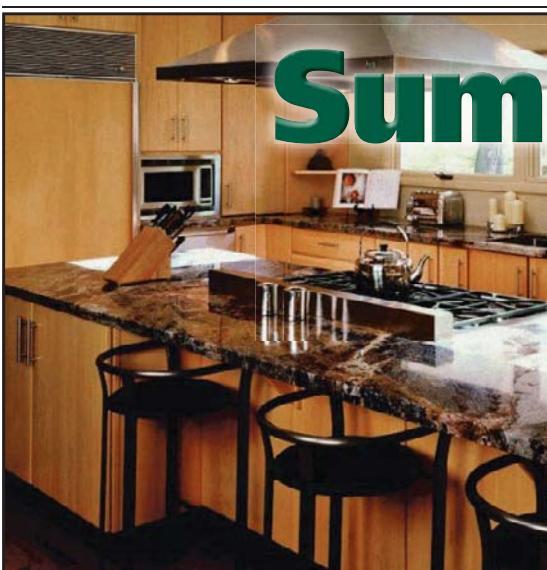
that another cultural touchstone could crumble amid the upheaval unleashed by new technology and savvy entrepreneurs who know how to exploit it.

For now, Blockbuster intends to continue operating its remaining 3,300 U.S. stores under Chapter 11 protection, although analysts expect hundreds of them to close under new owners led by billionaire investor Carl Icahn.

Backstory

When Netflix went online in 1999, it added a twist that immediately appealed to Blockbuster customers longing for another choice: monthly subscription plans that allowed households to keep several DVDs at a time without incurring late fees. The offer tapped into consumer anger because Blockbuster's fees could double or triple the cost of a video rental. In 2000, Blockbuster collected nearly \$800 million in late fees, accounting for 16 percent of its revenue. Last year, those late fees plunged to \$134 million, or just 3 percent of its revenue. (AP)

That will likely mean mass layoffs among Blockbuster's 25,500 employees, including 7,500 full-time workers. And if Icahn and the rest of the new ownership hope to save Blockbuster, it will require coming up with an antidote to the dual threats posed by Netflix and video vending machine operator Redbox, which is owned by Coinstar Inc. MAE ANDERSON, MICHAEL LIEDTKE (AP)



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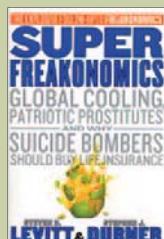
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Washington

European regulators ordered the diabetes drug Avandia off the market, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration placed stringent restrictions on its use in the United States, saying heart attack risks associated with the former blockbuster are too great a safety concern to continue its use for most people.

In simultaneous news briefings Thursday, the European Medicines Agency and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced their long-awaited decisions on the fate of British-based GlaxoSmithKline's controversial drug. The European regulator said it would stop authorizing marketing of Avandia, which will be banned from sales within the next few months.

The FDA said new patients will be able to get a prescription for Avandia, but only if they can't control their blood sugar with other



Avandia has faced scrutiny because of concerns that it raises heart attack risks.

2.6M

The number of Americans who filled prescriptions in 2009 for Avandia. In 2006, Avandia was the top-selling diabetes drug in the world. (AP)

medications. The FDA expects the restricted plan "will limit use of Avandia significantly."

The two decisions will virtually eliminate use of the drug around

the world, said Dr. Steve Nissen of the Cleveland Clinic.

As its reputation has soured, Avandia's global sales have fallen from a peak of \$3.2 billion in 2006 to \$1.2 billion last year.

The safety of Avandia, the brand name for rosiglitazone, has been the top drug safety controversy facing the FDA in recent years.

GlaxoSmithKline said in a statement Thursday it will voluntarily stop promoting Avandia in all countries where it operates. (AP)

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KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Karzai Calls for Release Of Three Journalists

President Hamid Karzai called Thursday for the quick release of three Afghan



Karzai

journalists who were picked up over the past week — two by a joint NATO and Afghan force and one by Afghan intelligence officials. The NATO-led coalition said it had information linking the two journalists in its custody to networks that act as a mouthpiece for the Taliban and hinder efforts to win the loyalty of Afghan citizens. (AP)

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Uprising Leaves 21 Dead, 78 Injured in Somalia

Heavy fighting between Islamist militants and pro-government troops raged in several parts of Somalia's capital Thursday, killing at least 21 people and wounding 78, an official said. Somalia's most dangerous militant group, al-Shabab, has launched a series of attacks over the last month after declaring a "new" war against the weak Somali government. (AP)

LUCKNOW, INDIA

2 Million People Flee As Waters Rise in India

Raging floodwaters triggered by heavy rain in northern India have killed at least 17 people, washed away thousands of homes and forced at least 2 million people to evacuate in a 24-hour period, officials said Thursday. Northern India has experienced unprecedented rain since August, according to the India Meteorological Department, and more rain was forecast for the coming days. (AP)

At UN, Obama Urges Democracy

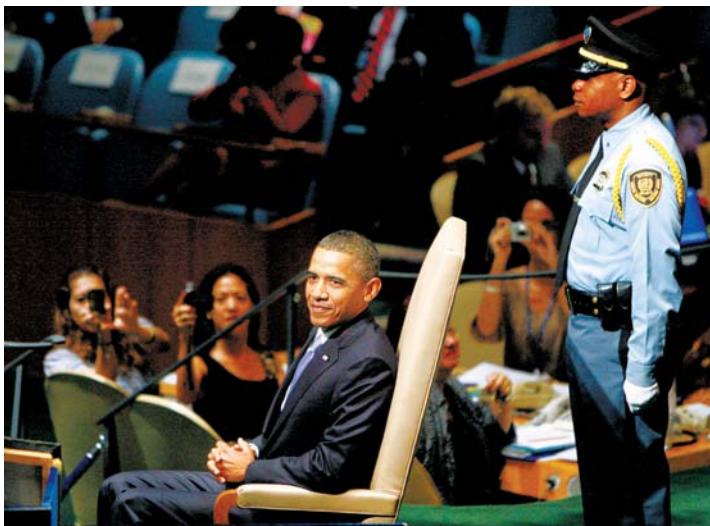
Address emphasizes need for protection of freedom, rights

United Nations

President Obama outlined Thursday a role for American global leadership focused on the promotion of human rights and democracy around the world and urged nations to "not stand idly by" when those values are threatened.

In his second annual address to the U.N. General Assembly in New York, Obama placed human rights and democracy at the center of his foreign policy, speaking more directly than he has previously on those issues.

"Experience shows us that history is on the side of liberty — that the strongest foundation for human progress lies in open economies,



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President Obama delivered his second annual address to the U.N. on Thursday.

open societies and open governments," Obama said.

He described a world where the line between foreign and domestic policy has grown faint, but cited progress in reviving the global economy,

preventing nuclear nonproliferation, withdrawing most U.S. forces from Iraq and holding Iran "accountable" for its disputed nuclear program.

Obama also described the importance of achieving a peace

Meanwhile ...

The U.S. delegation walked out of the U.N. speech by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Thursday after he said some in the world have speculated that Americans were actually behind the Sept. 11 attacks, staged in an attempt to assure Israel's survival. He did not explain the logic of the statement. (AP)

agreement between Israelis and Palestinians, a process he helped set in motion this month by inaugurating a round of direct talks.

Obama's foreign policy is based on what he has said are "the rights and responsibilities" of all nations, and he has appealed to countries' "mutual interests" in his attempts to promote peace, national security and economic progress. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Afghan Army Welcomes Women Officers



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NEWLY TRAINED FEMALE OFFICERS in the Afghan National Army attend their graduation ceremony Thursday. For the past 20 weeks, female U.S. troops have mentored the class of 29 female candidates at a training center in Kabul.

Key Rebel Slain, Colombia Says

Bogota, Colombia

Colombia's military killed the field marshal and No. 2 leader of the country's main leftist rebel group in bombing raids and combat at a guerrilla encampment at the edge of the country's eastern plains, authorities announced Thursday.

The death of Jorge Briceno, 57, is a huge setback for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

President Juan Manuel Santos said that at least 20 rebels were killed in operations that began with bombing raids Monday night and ended with ground combat on Wednesday.

Briceno, whose walrus mustache made him widely recognizable, had risen through the insurgency's ranks to become its top military strategist and most respected field commander. (AP)

Not Likely to Affect You: Luxury carmaker Bentley is recalling 820 cars worldwide over concerns that its famous "Winged B" hood ornament could injure pedestrians in an accident if it fails to retract. No injuries have been reported, but a Bentley dealer noticed the spring mechanism under the ornament might not always function properly. "The recall is rather theoretical," said company spokesman Richard Durbin. (AP)



Cover Story

GOP Makes Its 'Pledge'

Republicans set out their agenda in a new push to unite the party

Washington

Republicans long have chafed under criticism from President Obama and the Democrats that they are "the party of no." What their new campaign blueprint shows is that, if they take control of the House, Republicans will become "the party of stop."

At its heart, the "Pledge to America" represents a promise to stop Obama in his tracks — stop the stimulus; stop the financial bailout program; repeal and (try to) replace the health care law; stop other spending; and stop the proposed repeal of tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

GOP leaders hope their pledge will show voters they have plenty of ideas of their own. Like the "Con-

21 pages

The GOP document is partly an echo of its 1994 "Contract With America," a 10-point agenda unveiled in late September of that year, just before the party won the House majority for the first time in four decades.

tract With America" that Republicans under Newt Gingrich issued 16 years ago, the pledge is designed not only to give candidates concrete proposals to include in campaign ads this fall but also to help them hit the ground running if the GOP becomes the majority party.

It is a political document in the guise of a governing agenda. The document is filled with rhetorical flourishes that echo that language heard for the past year or more from tea party activists around the country. Its opening paragraphs bow to the Declaration

HOW THEY WOULD GOVERN

Here is a closer look at the GOP's plans on key issues:

Health Care

Republicans call for repealing the health care law signed earlier this year. In its place, they would enact a series of ideas long touted by the GOP, such as starting health savings accounts, enrolling people with chronic illnesses in state-run, high-risk pools and limiting malpractice lawsuits against doctors.

Government Reform

In a nod to the tea party, Republicans would require Congress to cite the specific constitutional authority that undergirds each piece of legislation, to post bills online 72 hours before votes, and to make sure that bills are passed "one at a time," meaning legislation would not be packed with numerous provisions, as it often is now.

Spending

Republicans, who have spent the last two years attacking Obama as a big spender, would halt the hiring of non-security federal employees; cut the budget of Congress; freeze increases on most domestic spending programs; stop any additional spending under the TARP program and last year's stimulus; and cut government waste.

National Security

Republicans did not offer a lot of detailed new proposals. They would bar trying accused terrorists on U.S. soil, not attach any unrelated measures to defense spending bills (as they accuse Democrats of doing) and "fully fund missile defense."

Job Creation

Republicans would keep in place tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003; reduce regulations by federal agencies on businesses; and allow small businesses to deduct up to 20 percent of their business income. (TWP)



J. SCOTT APPLWHITE/AP

House Minority Leader John Boehner lays out "A Pledge to America" at a press conference in Sterling, Va., on Thursday.

of Independence and the Constitution, and describe Washington much the way colonialists once described King George III.

Consider this opening-page statement: "In a self-governing society, the only bulwark against the power of the state is the consent of the governed, and regarding the policies of the current government, the governed do not consent."

That sets up the contrast Republicans have been trying to draw for the November, a grievance election that capitalizes on the anger and frustration of Americans over the lack of more significant progress in turning around the economy, and the backlash on the right against the growth in the size and scope of government under Obama.

The editors at National Review Online enthusiastically embraced the pledge, arguing that the new

DEM REACTION

"All House Republicans did was recycle the failed economic policies of President Bush that put special interests and multinational CEOs above American families."

— MARYLAND REP. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, WHO LEADS THE HOUSE DEMOCRATS' CAMPAIGN EFFORT.
DAN BALZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

document is actually bolder than the "Contract With America." "The pledge," they argued, "commits Republicans to working toward a broad conservative agenda that, if implemented, would make the federal government significantly smaller, Congress more accountable, and America more prosperous." Other conservatives were sharply critical. Red State's Erick Erickson called it "dreck ... a diet full of sugar."

Those dueling assessments underscore the tensions within the GOP — the aspirations of anti-Washington activists to dramatically shrink the federal government and the limitations imposed on those who have the responsibility to govern. If they win the majority in November, Republican leaders once again will be faced with the test of trying to resolve those contradictions.

Rhee, Gray Discuss 'Philosophy'

No decision made on chancellor's future if Dem becomes mayor

Washington

D.C. Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray and Schools Chancellor Michelle A. Rhee met for 90 minutes Thursday for what Gray called a "philosophical discussion" about public education, but they did not talk about her future in the administration.

After the highly anticipated meeting, Gray and Rhee emerged to face a throng of news cameras and reporters. While Gray spoke to reporters, a grim-faced Rhee stood to the side, refusing to answer questions or join the chairman in issuing a public statement.

"We did not talk about Chancellor Rhee staying or going; we talked about the state of education in



Michelle Rhee, left, and Vincent Gray emerge from their meeting on Thursday.

the city," Gray said.

Gray called it an "excellent discussion" that largely centered on the details of the multipage edu-

cation platform he released during his campaign against Mayor Adrian M. Fenty.

Gray stressed he will not be mak-

A Familiar Issue

The racial politics and other circumstances that led to Mayor Adrian Fenty's loss in the Democratic primary were not dissimilar to that of other black mayors across the country in a so-called post-racial society.

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ing any decisions about whether he would keep Rhee as chancellor until after the Nov. 2 general election. Rhee declined to answer reporters' questions about whether she would stay on the job if Gray asked her to. At one point, she appeared close to tears.

"This was not a decision-making meeting," Gray said, adding they plan to meet again soon.

After Gray spoke, Rhee rushed to an elevator, but she was followed by reporters. Rhee continued to refuse to answer questions.

TIM CRAIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Hearsay



"They have done a lot of learning in the last year-plus."

— DEBORAH HERSMAN, NTSB BOARD CHAIR, ON METRO'S MANAGEMENT SINCE THE JUNE 2009 RED LINE CRASH.

Fatal Bridge Crash Suit Settled

Annapolis

Attorneys have reached a settlement in a lawsuit over a fatal crash on the Bay Bridge in the summer of 2008.

Fifty-seven-year-old John Short died after he swerved his tractor-trailer to avoid hitting Candy Baldwin's oncoming car. The truck crashed through a jersey barrier and plummeted into the Chesapeake Bay, 30 feet below.



John Short died in 2008 after his truck fell into the bay when he avoided a car.

Baldwin's attorney says Short's family has agreed to a \$100,000 settlement. That's the maximum amount payable through Baldwin's insurance policy.

Baldwin was 19 years old at the time of the crash. An investigation determined she had a blood-alcohol level of .03 percent, which prosecutors decided was too low to press criminal charges.

She was charged only with traffic offenses. (AP)

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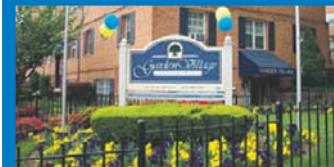
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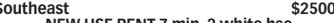
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TV Lineup



GETTY IMAGES

Joe Flacco and the Ravens try to avoid another loss when playing the Browns.

Friday

7 P.M. Ross Detwiler gets an audition for the 2011 Nats starting rotation when he faces the braves. MASN

8 P.M. No. 4 TCU hopes to avoid an upset when visiting SMU in a Friday night college football game. ESPN

Saturday

NOON Maryland's football team aims to bounce back from its loss last week when playing Florida International. ESPNU

NOON Virginia Tech can improve to 2-2 with a victory over Boston College in an ACC football battle. My20

1 P.M. The Braves, in the hunt for the NL East, send out ace Tim Hudson (16-8) against the Nats. MASN

7:30 P.M. Battered and bruised, D.C. United hosts the Houston Dynamo at RFK Stadium. CSN

Sunday

1 P.M. The Chase for the Sprint Cup moves to Dover, Del., for an afternoon running of the AAA 400. ESPN

1 P.M. Joe Flacco is coming off a four-interception game when the Ravens play the Cleveland Browns. CBS

1:30 P.M. The Braves roll out Derek Lowe against the Nats. DC50

4 P.M. The Redskins take on Sam Bradford and the St. Louis Rams.

8:15 P.M. The Miami Dolphins can improve to 3-0 with a victory over the AFC East rival New York Jets. NBC

The Ovechkin-Crosby rivalry is hitting HBO for a reality show | **22**



A PERFECT TARGET

Redskins defense aims to pressure Rams rookie Bradford early and often

The Redskins

No one said there wouldn't be any bumps. Washington converted to a 3-4 defense seeking more pressure and increased turnovers. But the NFL is an unforgiving league, and no matter how many times you hit a quarterback, that



4 P.M.
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doesn't necessarily mean he's going to break.

The Redskins (1-1) learned that the hard way last weekend, allowing a succession of big plays in the second half on the way to blowing a 17-point lead in a home loss to Houston.

But don't expect them to dial back the pressure.

"We've got to continue to keep getting pressure, however we do it, and we've got to tighten up coverage," defensive coordinator Jim Haslett said.

Haslett contended two of the big plays that cost the Redskins last weekend — Andre Johnson's game-tying touchdown, and a 28-yard completion to Joel Dreessen that set up the winning field goal in overtime — were caused by errors in coverage, not aggressiveness

in going after the quarterback.

Safety Reed Doughty, who as on the wrong end of Johnson's touchdown, agreed: "Houston had a great offense, but it was some of our breakdowns that cost us the game."

This week, the Redskins go from facing an experienced quarterback to playing a rookie starting his third game.

Sam Bradford — who visited the Redskins last April before St. Louis settled on him as the top pick in NFL Draft — has shown flashes of the same ability that earned him the Heisman Trophy, but he's already thrown four interceptions, too.

While Haslett, head coach Mike Shanahan and many of Washington's defenders praised Bradford's significant talents, they still feel they can confuse St. Louis' signal caller on Sunday and create havoc in the backfield.

"You've got to continue to [bring pressure]," linebacker Brian Orakpo said. "[Bradford is] going to see a lot of things he's never seen before. That's the most important thing is disguising lots of things, moving around and kind of confusing him a little bit. Hopefully we can get some turnovers and get some big hits on him." **ERIC BRANDNER**



Too Aggressive?



Defensive coordinator Jim Haslett, a former head coach of the St. Louis Rams, is an aggressive play-caller and blitzing is a major component of his scheme in D.C. But last week, three plays particularly irked him: a screen pass in the third quarter that resulted in a 50-yard gain by Arian Foster; the fourth-and-10 play that resulted in Andre Johnson's TD; and a 28-yard pass to TE Joel Dreessen that set up the game-winning field goal. But Haslett only blamed the screen pass on the blitz. "Bad call," he said. (EXPRESS/AP)

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Terrapins Look to Bounce Back

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Terps Football

At a glance, it would seem that Saturday's game might offer Maryland a respite, a chance to recover and regroup after last week's ugly loss at West Virginia. But a glance is not enough.

Sure, Florida International won just three games last year in the oft-overlooked Sun Belt conference and has started this year with consecutive losses. But the Golden Panthers won't be wide-eyed playing against an ACC team.

Last year, FIU's non-conference schedule included Florida and national champion Alabama. This year, its first four games are



MICHAEL SWITZERAP

Maryland had a tough time keeping a grip on West Virginia in last Saturday's loss.

against Rutgers, Texas A&M, Maryland and Pittsburgh. Against both Rutgers and Texas A&M, FIU carried leads into the fourth quarter before losing by narrow margins.

"They should have won both games," Terps receiver Torrey Smith said. "Their record doesn't show you where they are as a team."

The Terrapins can't relax, and yet they are in dire need of a bounce-back game. After starting the season 2-0 with a dramatic win over Navy and a pummeling of Morgan State, Maryland was outmatched in Morgantown, falling behind by four touchdowns before a better showing in the sec-

ond half of a 31-17 loss.

During that second half, Maryland lost left tackle Justin Gilbert with a season-ending knee injury, forcing coach Ralph Friedgen to shuffle an already inexperienced line, which this week will be asked to protect two banged-up quarterbacks.

Defensively, coaches cited a slew of missed opportunities that helped WVU rack up 469 total yards last week. They also noted that Florida International runs a very similar offensive system.

Saturday's game also represents Maryland's last tune-up before its ACC opener against Duke on Oct. 2. "We have to re-establish ourselves, re-establish our confidence and get our momentum going in the direction we want it to go right now," Friedgen said. DEREK TURNER

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Mum's the Perfect Word for Wizards

Thank you, David Stern.

The NBA's commissioner has done everyone a big favor by telling Gilbert Arenas to shut up about his gun episode last year.

This is clearly the best preemptive sshh since Dr. Evil hushed his long-lost son in the original "Austin Powers."



By Matt Swenson

Not that Arenas probably had any interest in reliving last year, but at least the matter has been taken out of his hands. One only hopes the media are wise enough not to test Stern's dictum.

What else could possibly be said about Arenas' poor decision-making and immaturity, which made the matter worse?

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College Kickoffs

OREGON ST. (24) AT BOISE ST. (3)

Story Line: In what could be the most serious roadblock to an undefeated season, Boise State and its underrated defense will look to contain Oregon State RB Jacquizz Rodgers. The Broncos have won 56-straight regular-season games at home. (8 P.M., ABC)

ALABAMA (1) AT ARKANSAS (10)

Story Line: In the first matchup of two top-10 teams in Fayetteville since 1979, Arkansas can put itself into the national title race by knocking off Alabama. The Crimson Tide has five-straight wins over top-10 foes. (3:30 P.M., CBS)

W. VIRGINIA (22) AT LSU (15)

Story Line: The Mountaineers face a stern challenge against LSU's stout defense — allowing only 11.3 points per game — in the first meeting between the two schools. (8 P.M., ESPN2)

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REDSKINS (MINUS 3.5) AT RAMS

REDSKINS

Washington will be kicking itself for blowing a chance to be 3-0 after last week's loss.

REDSKINS

It will be interesting to see how this team plays after a loss and on the road.

REDSKINS

It may not be pretty, but there's no way the Redskins can lose this one.

REDSKINS

This week they put the offense and defense together against the sorry Rams.



TITANS (PLUS 3) AT GIANTS

GIANTS

Will ex-Giant Kerry Collins be finishing the game for the Titans again?

GIANTS

When two not entirely great squads are both hungry for a win, I'll go with the home team.

TITANS

Johnson is so fast he can throw his helmet in the stands and catch it before a fan does.

TITANS

A close one, but I'll take the Titans by a field goal.



COWBOYS (PLUS 3) AT TEXANS

COWBOYS

Forget logic. I just don't believe the Cowboys will fall to 0-3 this year.

COWBOYS

The only games Wade Phillips wins are the ones that save his job.

TEXANS

You think Houston doesn't notice that Dallas gets more attention in Texas?

TEXANS

The battle of Texas: Cowboys move to 0-3. Somebody's getting fired in Dallas.



JETS (PLUS 1.5) AT DOLPHINS

DOLPHINS

The Jets are the new Redskins — every week there is some new controversy.

JETS

The Dolphins don't score enough points to beat the Jets.

DOLPHINS

Not only is Miami better, but it's hot and humid in South Florida in September.

DOLPHINS

The Dolphins get a win in a tight division game.



PACKERS (MINUS 3) AT BEARS

PACKERS

Clay Matthews is going to haunt Jay Cutler's dreams a la Freddy Krueger.

PACKERS

Advice for Cutler: Don't throw to Woodson's side. He has five career INTs in Chicago.

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The 2-0 Bears are playing with house money. Green Bay wins big.

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To increase the usefulness of the odd-shaped entry (one end is narrower than the other), Yochim added closets on opposite ends of an exposed brick wall and hung tablecloths from a ceiling-mounted curtain rod to ease the transition into the living room. A desk sits on one side of the foyer, while a bookcase on the other displays the homeowner's "ever-changing array of tchotchkes and art."

"It sets the mood when you walk in," says Yochim, 43, a financial columnist for the Motley Fool. "You walk down a little dark hallway and open the door into an apartment that's flooded with light. It's quite an entrance."

We all know the importance of making a good first impression. And the old adage doesn't just hold true for job interviews. You don't want the first thing people see in your home to be a messy, misused spot.

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Dayana Yochim hung tablecloths from the ceiling of her entryway to create a dramatic transition into her funky and eclectic living room in Alexandria.

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Hallway Help

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For Yochim, it was important that her entryway feel like a deliberate part of her condo, rather than some kind of no-man's land. And she needed someplace to hang her coat and stash her keys, too. That vital combination of practicality and personality is why some homeowners put as much thought into their entryways as they put into the other rooms in their place.

"The front hall is a taste of what you're going to get in the rest of the home," says Sally Steponkus, owner of D.C.-based Sally Steponkus Interiors (202-237-9872, Steponkus.com). "I don't think it should be overlooked; it literally is an invitation into the rest of the house."

Even the tiniest of foyers can become an appealing area for guests to pause and prepare to further delve into a dwelling.

To make an entryway more grand, start off with something such as a simple console table; even one that's on the small side can serve as a landing strip for your sunglasses and mail. "People tend to clutter up their entryways; it's where they drop their bags, keys and shoes," says Stuart McCormick, associate designer at Liz Levin Interiors/Nesting in Georgetown (202-333-5386, Lizlevininteriors.com). "So, it's important to have good storage solutions."

A lacquer tray or antique bowl can corral items such as those often-misplaced keys. Baskets or fabric bins that slide underneath the table help conceal everything from running shoes to umbrellas.

On the wall, you can't go wrong with a mirror. "It's nice to be able to check yourself in it before you leave, to make sure you have in the same earrings and your hair's not a mess," says Rachel James, owner of Vienna, Va.-based Rachel James Interiors (703-848-9255, Rjinteriors.com). "And in smaller foyers, a mirror bounces light around, which can make the space feel larger."

Good lighting is a key compo-



Dayana Yochim, above, a financial analyst for the Motley Fool, wanted the oddly shaped foyer of her 620-square-foot condo to feel like a practical, deliberate part of her home. The entrance invites visitors into Yochim's mod living room, below.



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A desk on one side of Yochim's entryway serves a practical and stylistic purpose.

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— **SALLY STEPONKUS**, INTERIOR DECORATOR AND OWNER OF WASHINGTON-BASED SALLY STEPONKUS INTERIORS.

ment of any successful front entryway. "The last thing you want is to walk into a dark, unfinished area," Steponkus says. "I tend to put in a pendant [lamp]; I like a lantern for a front hall." A table lamp, or matching pair, can also further illuminate the space.

Since this is a high-traffic zone, choose a rug that can take a bit of a beating. Sisals, dark colored Persians and indoor/outdoor rugs can all withstand heavy use while adding a bit of color or textural interest to the foyer. And don't automatically think small. "The bigger the rug, the bigger the space feels,"

Steponkus says. "If you have a dinky rug, it will make the space feel dinky."

If you live in a condo or townhouse, you may not be able to do much to the exterior of your front entryway. But if you can, make the most of the first introduction people get to your home. Even something as simple as sweeping your walkway goes a long way toward creating a welcoming vibe. A little bit of plant life never hurts either.

"I love doing planters on either side if there's room," McCormick says. "Nice, simple, clean-looking greenery by the front door looks

Front Door Décor

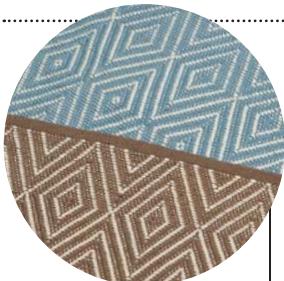
Want to get off on the right foot with your guests? Check out these products that help make your entryway more than just a space to quickly pass through. **B.L.**



◀ Add some sparkle (and a place to check your lipstick) to your front hall with the **Bellesol Mirror** (\$39-\$159) from Ballard Designs (Ballarddesigns.com), which features 16 antiqued mirror panels arranged in a sunburst pattern.



▶ Stash mail or the newspaper (like, ahem, this one) in a farmhouse-chic **Wicker Letter Holder** (\$19) from Red Barn Mercantile in Old Town Alexandria (113 S. Columbus St.; 703-838-0355, Redbarnmercantile.com).



◀ Indoor/outdoor rugs from Dash & Albert (\$34-\$495, Dashandalbert.com) stand up to lots of foot traffic and can be hosed off and even bleached to keep their stripes or patterns looking fresh.



◀ The sleek **Half Round Console Table** (\$209) from Room & Board (1840 14th St. NW; 202-729-8300, Roomandboard.com) would look right at home in even the smallest of foyers.



◀ Williams-Sonoma's **Recycled Water-guard Mat** (\$39.95, Williams-sonoma.com) helps keep your home clean and dry in an eco-friendly way. (It's made of old tires and other recycled materials.)

really nice."

If you're in a situation where you can paint your front door, it's an easy way to give your façade a face-lift. "A high-gloss outdoor paint is really dramatic," James says. "But you want to do a beautiful paint job; you don't want your front door to be sloppy." Go classic with a dark navy or charcoal, or really make your entry pop by choosing a hue such as yellow.

Accessories from doormats to house numbers can also add some style to the front stoop. Yochim's playful spirit is evident before guests even enter her pad, thanks to a trio of Chinese checkerboards hanging next to her front door.

"Have fun with it," says Amy Rutherford, proprietor of Red Barn Mercantile in Old Town Alexandria (703-838-0355, Redbarn-



A wire desk sculpture adds a touch of whimsy to Dayana Yochim's entryway.

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— **STUART MCCORMICK**, ASSOCIATE DESIGNER AT LIZ LEVIN INTERIORS/NESTING IN GEORGETOWN

mercantile.com). "Paint your front door turquoise or apple green. Do something clever and interesting there that screams welcome but yet talks to your personality. You're setting the stage and helping everybody outside see a little of your personality without even going into the space." Give them a reason to come and knock on your door. **BETH LUBERECKI**

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Order in the Closet

expert opinion

Clothing-obsessed celebs such as Mariah Carey and Paris Hilton are famous for their luxurious closets with shelves of shoes that seem to stretch on for miles and boutique-like racks of designer apparel. While most of us have

neither the square footage (nor the desire) to create our own wardrobe wonders, we could still strive for what those divas have perfected: the well-organized storage space.

"Every type of person" struggles with closet clutter, says Alejandra Costello, a co-founder of Arlington-based professional organizing service Color-Coded (866-612-6567, Color-coded.net). But learning to store your belongings in a neat, easy-to-maintain manner can help



Costello

you spend less time searching for shoes and more time showing off the perfect outfit.

Even chaotic hallway closets can benefit from a face-lift; nobody wants to be digging through piles of first-aid supplies when they have

"If you're going to spend money getting organized, you want to set up a system one time and do it right."

— ALEJANDRA COSTELLO, CO-FOUNDER OF ARLINGTON-BASED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZING SERVICE COLOR-CODED.

a migraine or be assaulted from above by improperly stashed winter scarves.

Those "I've created a monster in my closet!" moments are just when professional organizers can swoop in to help. The pros charge between \$50 and \$100 per hour for their expertise, and their closet makeovers can take between six and 15

hours, depending on the size of the project, Costello says. But she's convinced this type of investment reaps long-term rewards.

"I always tell my clients, 'If you're going to spend money getting organized, you want to set up a system one time and do it right, instead of having to keep tweaking the system,'" Costello says.

Rehabbing your closet starts with an empty — not overloaded — space. "It's a lot easier to take everything out and go from there," Costello says. Color-Coded organizers often push clients to toss items that aren't in heavy rotation, in order to free up more space in small apartments or houses.

"We'll sort everything and go through each individual item asking, 'When was the last time you used this? Is it still good? Is it outdated?'" Costello says. After repurposing or donating any unwanted items, a complete makeover can commence.

We asked Costello to share some of her top tips for reorganizing any closet. **KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)**

1

Shelve Your Issues

If blank walls make up a portion of your closet, consider adding custom shelving. While it's pricey, Color-Coded's Costello believes the installation is worth the money. She recommends the **Elfa** system (shown left, from \$250, Containerstore.com), which is sold at **The Container Store**, because of its flexibility. "Once you install the shelving, you can always move shelves higher or lower depending on what you're storing," Costello says. "You can change a shelf into a hanging rod or a hanging rod into a shelf. You can add a basket. It's just very flexible."





2

Get More From Your Door

The back of your door — the side that faces the interior of your closet — is precious real

estate. Hang up a door rack containing hooks or baskets to create a few extra storage nooks. Costello recommends using **Elfa's Door and Wall Rack** (shown left, \$107, Containerstore.com) and attaching a few movable baskets. The installation is made for kitchens and living spaces but works equally well in closets, Costello says. "I love to use the baskets to store flip-flops, slippers, sunglasses, cosmetic bags and anything that you want to toss in, pull out or make easily accessible," she says. Another option to hang on your door: fabric pockets or shoe bag organizers. Try **Christy Designs' versatile "Organizer" Gear Pocket** (shown above, \$35, Gearpockets.com).



5

Aim for Lots Of the Same

Most people amass a wide variety of hangers — it's hard to pass up free wire "We Love Our Customers" hangers from the dry cleaner — but an assortment of shapes and sizes encourages chaos. "Using uniform hangers is an absolute must in the closet," Costello says. She recommends sticking to **wooden hangers** ("The clothes hang off them really nicely," she says).

Pick up a few sets at **Ikea** (shown above, five for \$2; Ikea.com).

KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

3

It's All About the Visuals

Sorting keeps a closet user-friendly. But all that order can get dull. Add intrigue with colored tabs that attach to the top of hangers. Costello recommends using the **colored hanger snaps** sold by **Carlson JPM Store Fixtures** (\$3 for a bag of 50; Carlson-store-fixtures.com). "The more color you have in your space, the easier it is to organize," Costello says. "If you take a dress off a hanger that has a purple hanger snap, it's easy to say 'Purple belongs to dresses' and associate that hanger with the dress."



4

Label Liberally

If you have items to stash on shelves or in bins, keep track of everything with homemade labels. That's right, Costello recommends actually writing out "running shoes" for a bin holding your sneakers. It might be old-school, but "it makes a difference," she says. "A lot of people just put things back [into their closets] in a random order. If each item has a home in its section, I find that it's easier to maintain." Use pieces of **Duct tape** (in fancy new colors and patterns such as paisley and polka dots, such as the rolls above, sold by **The Spoon Sisters**; \$9 per roll; Spoonsisters.com), covered with clear packing tape. Write what's inside each container or on each shelf using dry-erase markers — that way, you can re-label areas when you move things around.



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Renovations

Sticking to a tight budget on a bathroom renovation or painting project? Check out the deeply discounted items on sale at local Habitat for Humanity ReStore outlets (Habitat.org/env/restores), where you can score everything from donated love seats to televisions to toilets at bargain prices.

The housing nonprofit set up its first ReStore shop in Texas in the 1990s and now operates ReStores

in every state.

While you won't find a shop in the District, there are locations in Gaithersburg; Prince George's County; Manassas, Va.; Purcellville, Va.; and Alexandria. The most recent addition to the local ReStore family is the Chantilly, Va., warehouse (Restorenova.org; 4262 Entre Court; 703-953-3747), which opened last fall.

The ReStores may not be on everybody's list of must-visit home improvement suppliers, but they've drawn a devoted following among DIYers. "We have customers who come in every day because the merchandise is always changing," says Virginia Patton, the market-



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Habitat for Humanity's ReStore shops are full of donated, discounted wares.

ing communications/media manager for Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia.

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— VIRGINIA PATTON, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

That dedication pays off. Patton says thrifty shoppers can save thousands of dollars on big-ticket items such as stainless-steel refrigerators. Most items are discounted by 50 to 90 percent of their original retail value. Donated by local contractors, building suppliers and

homeowners, the goods are often in like-new or new condition.

All the proceeds from ReStore sales benefit Habitat for Humanity, which builds and rehabs homes for families in need. But, really, Patton says, the shops benefit "everyone in the community" because they prevent materials from going to waste in landfills and promote "green" home ownership. Those rock-bottom prices don't hurt, either.

KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

• Visit showrooms furnished with ReStore items at the Capital Home Show this weekend (Capitalhomeshow.com; \$12, Fri.-Sun.; Dulles Expo Center). Interior redesigners will team up with Habitat to create two different, swoon-worthy showrooms—an urban loft and a master bedroom suite—using only ReStore pieces.

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A slew of new home fragrance products add zest to any room

Trends

You may have sensed, pardon the pun, that there are hundreds of new home fragrance products in stores. The industry has sniffed out a trend: We're spending more time at home, and we want our rooms to smell good.

"Good" might mean clean, or exotic, or even yummy. Always wanted to visit a Moroccan bazaar? Craving a spa day? Comforted by the waft of a fresh-baked cookie? Whatever your preference, chances are there's a spray for that. Or a luminary, plug-in or diffuser.

Among the newest products are scent "stories" that cycle through a timed series of fragrances; wooden wicks that evoke crackling fires; flameless candles; and no-spill diffusers.

Barbara Miller, spokeswoman for the National Candle Association, says: "The most notable trend is toward fragrances that transport you; that have a dream-

like or escapist quality."

Holly Bohn, founder of online retailer See Jane Work, agrees.

"I want my house to smell like the great outdoors even if all the windows are shut and the AC is on," she says.

Her go-to product is Good Home Co.'s Beach Days. It's part of a category known as the "ozones" — scents that are considered refreshing, and evocative of fresh air and water. There are half a dozen versions of crisp, clean linen alone. Citrus-based scents are similar; many find them a finishing touch to a newly cleaned house. And they'll provide a temporary freshening-up for closets or bathrooms without laying on heavy fragrance.

"Over the past couple of years, in a colder economic climate, gourmand fragrances — like vanilla and pumpkin — have become very popular," says Mei Xe, founder of Chesapeake Bay Candles. "Generally speaking, these scents help bring back happy memories. They make you feel safe and warm, and in these times people are longing for a sense of security."

Pier 1 has also focused on "cozy," with scents such as Spiced

Cake and Fall Fireside.

Glade and Febreze, mass market leaders in home fragrances, recently launched an array of products in attractive containers to accent home decor; scents for fall include Cranberry Pear, Pumpkin Pie and Cashmere Woods.

To avoid fragrance overload, Xe recommends "staying within the same category, whether it's florals, fruity notes, woodsy fragrances, whatever. Don't mix fragrances that are too different from each other."

Not sure what you like? Take the fragrance profile quiz on the Chesapeake Bay Candle website.

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Christopher Brosius was the first artist to have fragrances showcased by the Cooper Hewitt Museum. His 1999 concoction, "Snow," won two Fragrance Foundation awards. His perfumes and home sprays carry names such as Gathering Apples and Burning Leaves. Others capture his interpretation of Russian caravans (smoky black tea and bergamot) and gardens (hyacinth, green shoots and moss).

Marie Gartshore, spokeswoman for New Jersey's Research Institute for Fragrance Materials, says the industry is always looking at what scent chemicals might cause problems, and a five-year study into potential irritants is under way. So far, she said, "no fragrance material has been shown to be a definitive" allergen.

For those who prefer to go completely natural, essential oils such as citrus, rose, lavender and others can work well as air fresheners. Mix 4 ounces of distilled water, 2 ounces of rubbing alcohol and 30 drops of essential oil and put in a carefully labeled spray bottle. KIM COOK (AP)

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I have a dark brown leather sofa in a room with light blue wall-to-wall carpet. I need a love seat but don't really want more leather. Do you have a color/fabric suggestion that would work? What color would you paint the walls?

I think I would stick with a light, neutral fabric for your love seat and add pillows that would pick up the blue from the carpet.

We have a long sofa facing two lounge armchairs in our living room in front of a big fireplace. We are not sure what shape of coffee table

will suit this situation the best. The space between the sofa and chairs can go anywhere from five feet to eight feet, since the room is pretty wide. Any suggestions?

Sound like you could use just about any shape you like. If your room is more of a square than a rectangle, a round table might be a nice way to add some softness.

I chipped some paint in a fairly prominent place on my living room walls. The problem is, I can't remember the name of the color we used when we repainted a few years ago. Is there any way to find



"There are some paint apps for the iPhone and iPad that help you color-match with a photo. I wouldn't trust those to be exact, but it could get you to a good starting point."

Ben Color Capture, an app by Benjamin Moore, will help match colors in your photos to available hues.

out the color to patch the mark?

There are some paint apps for the iPhone and iPad that help you color-match with a photo. I

wouldn't trust those to be exact, but it could get you to a good starting point. Can you try to carefully chip a little more off

and bring it into a paint store to have them match it more precisely for you?

What kind of rug do you recommend for a front hallway that gets a lot of traffic? I can't do wool — it gets too dirty.

You could do sisal or seagrass, which is also nice, or one of our favorites here at Home: a colorful Dash & Albert (Dashandalbert.com) indoor/outdoor rug. They look like indoor rugs, but you can hose them off to clean them.

I will be renovating my bathroom. It's not huge, and I'd rather not have a bathtub — just a walk-in shower. (We also have a master bathroom with a shower only and a half-bath downstairs). We'll be in the house awhile but not forever.

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Is it necessarily difficult to sell a three-bedroom house that has no bathtub?

I understand your dilemma, but I really don't know the answer to this question. Though, I'd love to hear what you guys think: Would you buy a house without a bathtub? Not sure that I would, especially now that we have a small child.

Re: Homes without bathtubs: I would not. I have a 2-year-old, and I bought a house while I was pregnant. I don't think we could get by with just a shower. I wouldn't even want to buy a place that had a tub with a sliding door. It would be hard to lean over for bath time. Although the tub with sliding door wouldn't stop me from buying a place I really liked, it would put it out of the running if I liked something else just as much.

Good points. I agree with them all. I think it would be a difficult sell. Not impossible, but difficult. It would narrow the buyer field considerably, I think.

Homes without bathtubs are notoriously difficult to sell. If you plan to stay in the home for years and years and a sale is not in your future, then you should obviously do as you like. However, if you are worried about resale, keep the tub. I've seen this question again and again, and the answer from the experts is always the same — keep at least one bathtub in the house.

Another pro-bath opinion. Thanks for your input.

Does the same rule apply to condos? I have a one-bedroom, one-bathroom unit and I was thinking about taking out the tub so the bathroom would be more spacious. I know some people have kids in small places, but it seems less important in a one-bedroom. Thoughts?

I would guess that you are right — that a bathtub is less important in a one-bedroom.

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Real Home Economics



A few key financial concepts can help buyers invest wisely

Practical Thinking

Ben S. Bernanke refinanced; how about you?

The Federal Reserve chairman, who bought a rowhouse on Capitol Hill in 2004 using an adjustable-rate mortgage, saw his payments surge in 2009. He refinanced late last year into a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, for "a little over 5 percent," he told Time magazine.

It's a reminder that even the leading thinkers in economics and economic policy have to make the same kinds of routine decisions about buying and financing a house that the rest of us do. And there is a lot that all of us can learn from

economic analysis in a search for a place to call home.

The decision to buy a house is an inherently risky decision. A house is an illiquid investment, time-consuming and expensive to sell. It's expensive, usually several times the buyer's annual income. It relies on leverage (borrowed money) and is significantly affected by tax policy through the mortgage interest deduction.

Although it may not be practical to pick up an advanced degree just to decide whether to make an offer on a three-bedroom bungalow, there are some relatively simple concepts about economics, economic policy and finance that should factor into your thinking about home buying.

Inflation is your friend

When prices rise across the economy, it is commonly thought of as a bad thing. But for a new home buyer with a mortgage, it can be a boon, particularly if that mortgage has a fixed interest rate.

In the long run, home prices rise only a bit faster than inflation; the steep price rises of the late 1990s and first half of the past decade were an aberration. This means that the rate of inflation plays a major role in determining the value of your home when you go to sell, even as the amount you owe on the mortgage is fixed. And the return is magnified by the use of leverage, or borrowed money, which also magnifies your loss if the value of the home declines.

If you expect inflation to be high in the coming years, buying a home is a more attractive proposition.

Tax uncertainty is your enemy

Among the big advantages of buying a home are the tax deductions for mortgage interest payments and local property taxes. Unfortunately, estimating those benefits can get complicated, affected by such variables as your

income-tax bracket and whether the new deductions would expose you to the alternative minimum tax.

Before my home purchase, I constructed an elaborate spreadsheet to project what my tax burden would be under various scenarios, but if you aren't inclined to get down and dirty with the tax code, there is a much simpler

Even the leading thinkers in economics have to make the same routine decisions about financing a house that the rest of us do.

way to get a back-of-the-envelope estimate.

Go into the online version of TurboTax and enter all the relevant information about your income and other tax deductions. Then, look at how much your federal and state income tax liability changes when you add in your expected mortgage interest and property tax.

The limits of modeling

When I was looking to buy my place in the spring and summer of 2008, I used multiple valuation models and gamed out all kinds of scenarios of what might happen to inflation, taxes and interest rates.

What I didn't know — nor did they — is that a month after I closed on my two-bedroom condo, Lehman Brothers would file for bankruptcy, and the most severe financial crisis of modern times would set in.

Lesson: The future is inherently unpredictable. Ultimately, buying a home is about deciding that you want to live in a given place for years to come and that you have enough confidence in your own earnings prospects and the long-term growth of the economy to take the plunge on a purchase.

No spreadsheet can answer that question for you. Just ask Ben S. Bernanke. **NEIL IRWIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Kasten Steps Down as Nationals President

Executive announces resignation effective at end of the season

The Nationals

Stan Kasten is leaving the Washington Nationals after 4½ years as team president, announcing Thursday that he will resign at the end of the season.

Kasten did not explain in detail exactly why he decided to depart.

"It's just time to be doing something else," Kasten said.

The Nationals are headed toward a third-consecutive last-place finish in the NL East, and their attendance is 14th in the 16-team league.

Washington's game against Houston on Monday drew an announced paid attendance of 10,999, its smallest at Nationals Park since baseball returned to the nation's capital in 2005. In May 2006, Kasten was part of the



Stan Kasten's contract with the team is done at the end of the 2010 season.

group led by Washington-area real estate developer Ted Lerner that was picked by Major League Baseball to buy the Nationals.

"I made a commitment to stay with them for five years — through the end of the 2010 season," Kasten said.

In a statement, Ted Lerner said: "Stan Kasten will always be an important part of the history of the Washington Nationals. He was vital to ownership winning its bid from Major League Baseball." (AP)

Makeovers



THE WIZARDS are turning red, white and blue. Team President Ernie Grunfeld said Thursday the Wizards will change the colors of their uniforms for the 2011-12 season. The switch was spurred by new owner Ted Leonsis, whose Washington Capitals also wear the colors of the U.S. flag. (AP)

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Caps, Pens Headed To HBO Reality Show

Rivals to be featured
in effort to promote
NHL's Winter Classic

The Capitals

The rival Washington Capitals and Pittsburgh Penguins will be featured in a reality show as part of their showdown in the Winter Classic. HBO said it will air four hour-long episodes in its "24/7" franchise before and after the Jan. 1 game at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh.

After the Caps players were told about the series by GM George McPhee Thursday, the media had at them about the prospect of being on unedited national television — especially the unedited part.

"Well, if I'm gonna say some bad words, it's gonna be Russian words," Alex Ovechkin said. "Probably, you guys don't understand it. I don't know. We'll see."

The players said they would try not to play for the camera and would keep things business as usual. They said it would be good



Not sick of Sidney Crosby versus Alex Ovechkin? You may be after the show.

for fans to understand what things are like in the dressing room.

Ovechkin said he has HBO at home but only his family members watch it. He said he doesn't watch television shows, sticking with movies. But he said he'd make an exception in this case. "This is gonna be probably my favorite show," he said. "It's pretty cool experience, sick. For the team, for the guys, for the organization, it's a big step forward. We're gonna be on TV again, so it's good."

(THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)



Hits Keep on Coming

Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki became the first player with 10-straight 200-hit seasons on Thursday, breaking his own record with a single to center in the fifth inning of the Mariners' game against the Blue Jays. Suzuki surpassed Willie Keeler with his ninth-consecutive 200-hit season last year. Keeler's streak ran from 1894 to 1901. (AP)



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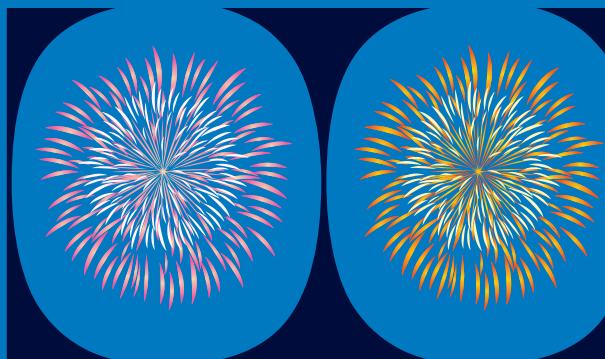


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GALLERY BOOKS

Tim Gunn

FASHION EXPERT, D.C. MUSEUM LOVER

Though best known as the natty voice of reason on "Project Runway," Tim Gunn believes that a gracious thank-you is just as important as a perfect pleat. In his new book, "Gunn's Golden Rules: Life's Little Lessons for Making It Work" (\$24, Gallery Books), he shares fashion world tales and secrets of success for both catwalk and conference room. We spoke with the chief creative officer at Liz Claiborne about the power of politeness and the beauty of a good trench coat.

You're a big proponent of manners. Why?

It's a way of saying, "I acknowledge that you're here, and I have a responsibility to treat you respectfully." It also has to do with taking the high road. I would rather hold the door for someone I believe is

perhaps not the best specimen of a human than just let that door fall back on them.

You're known for your skills as a mentor. Any tips for giving constructive criticism?

Only talk to people about things that they can change. That's why on "Project Runway" you seldom ever hear me saying, "Oh, too bad you chose this textile." You did, so how do you make it work? And it's important to not include anything personal in the critique.

What are some of the best things you're seeing in the fashion world today?

This fall, I'm pleased about the return to the classics. The fashion industry has woken up; we really are in an economic downturn,

and people are extremely diffident about investing in an item of apparel about which they may question its closet life. We're seeing classic blazers, peacoats, items that have staying power.

And the worst?

The things that rile me on the retail floor are things that are entirely too

"We really are in an economic downturn. People are diffident about investing in an item of apparel."

voluminous, like muumuu and granny skirts. They're completely unflattering on most people. Or things that simply reveal too much skin. I'm perplexed by both.

And you buy your suits off the rack, I hear.

I'm lucky that I can. That's why I watch what I eat, because, frankly, I can't afford a new wardrobe! I believe in shopping on a budget. I know firsthand from working with people that more fashion mistakes happen when people have an unlimited amount of money. They just pick things up willy-nilly, versus someone who's on a budget and thinking, "Will this work in my wardrobe?"

You grew up in D.C. Any favorite haunts?

Upon reflection, I was extremely spoiled growing up in Washington, because the museums are all free. I thought they were free everywhere! When I made my first trip to Europe, I thought, "Oh, my god, this is surprising." Washington has such rich cultural resources; it was a wonderful place to grow up, I have to say. **BETH LUBERECKI**

Event Horizon | DC Fashion Week

Can't wait until 2011 for the next New York shows? Catch the final days of DC Fashion Week. Shows include the Corjor International Fashion Show (free, Fri., 9 p.m.; the Park at Fourteenth) or the swanky International Couture Collection at the Embassy of France (\$75, Sun., 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.). View full calendar at DCFashionweek.org.

French Bliss

YOU'VE BEEN DONNING THE SLOUCHY T since middle school softball practice. But when Kate Moss puts anything on (or in) her body, she looks utterly fab and puts Euro-styled-up-and-comers on the map. Enter street-chic IRO, the Paris-based line of luxe T-shirts and comfort-centric staples just in at Wink (3109 M St. NW; 202-338-9465). Brothers/design duo Laurent and Arik Bitton give soft gray sweaters (\$295) and Chanel-gone-garage-punk zipper jackets (\$425) a classic and easy edge.



Grab Bag

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Lost in Foundation

HE WASN'T LYING when he swore he likes "the real you" best. But no male is going to notice that the "real you" indulges in a wee bit of cosmetic trickery. Laura Mercier's lightweight Crème Smooth Foundation (\$50, Neimanmarcus.com) will enhance the most natural of glows, painting pores flawless without making skin look like a four-tiered layer cake. The best part: A little drop goes far and wide, so that tiny jar will last until next year's Dewey vacay.



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Napping It Out

FIRST CAME LOVE over beers on H Street, then came marriage at a Georgetown church. Now comes you pushing a baby carriage around Columbia Heights. Since your kid's such a local, let little Hank or Olive snooze under one of Haptic Lab's Soft Map quilts (\$95, Hapticlab.com) bearing L'Enfant's city vision. For an extra \$25, creator Emily Fischer will personalize them by outlining Junior's favorite haunts in embroidery thread.



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Mug, Shots

WE WOULD SAY THAT Photojojo's Lens Mug (\$24, Photojojo.com) is an exact replica of a 24-105mm lens, but we doubt that focal length is a meaningful concept for anyone except really old people like the copy slave chained to this blurb. To put it plainly: This is a beverage conveyance in the startlingly accurate form of a telephoto lens. That means everything will taste closer up! Not really.



Non-Crap Crafts

YOUR DIY FASHION PAST may be littered with duct-tape wallets and visors covered in sparkly paint. But all crafty chic doesn't have to make you cringe, as shown off by "P.S.-I Made This..." (\$19, Abrams Image). Scissor and glue sister Erica Domesek, who blogs under the same title, details how to turn pantyhose and bouncy balls into hip necklaces, shown; skinny jeans into spats; and champagne corks into chandelier earrings.



Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Has the Manolo forgotten the fact that the world is in a recession? Most of the shoes the Manolo recommends to ladies in dire need of shoe advice are exorbitantly priced. I make nearly six figures and I would not buy \$300-plus shoes. I'm not even sure I'd buy them if the economy was flush with buying power. Perhaps the Manolo should consider shoes that are stylish yet moderately priced and very well made.

— ALICIA



Manolo says ayyyy! It is true, the Manolo is the dreamer who loves to consider the most beautiful shoes, regardless of the outrageous prices the designers would charge for them.

However, even as the Manolo dreams, he is not unsympathetic to the impoverished cries of his many friends. Indeed, he understands exactly what it is like to have to tighten one's belt so tight that the buckle rubs up against the backbone, to be so poor that one must fashion one's own super-fantastic shoes out of the cardboard cartons from the Chinese takeout place in whose Dumpster you dined the previous evening.

Of course, it is best to look for the quality shoes on sale; oftentimes, however, necessity demands stylish shoes when the pocketbook is at its thinnest. In such cases, the Manolo would recommend something like the Avea by Circa from Joan and David (\$99, Zappos.com), the reasonably priced shoe that stands out from the crowd.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

lookout drinks

He's So Vine

Grape guru Mark Oldman digs (and demystifies) offbeat wines

At your next dinner party, you could decant a bottle of Kendall Jackson Chardonnay or Yellow Tail Merlot. But for the same amount of money (and a lot more gourmet cred), you could serve vino that not only tastes better but also won't make guests think your wine list was ripped from the Delta Air Lines in-flight menu. Oenophile wizard Mark Oldman, star of PBS' "The Winemakers" and author of several books, thinks wandering off the beaten vine can wake up both your parties and palate. In "Oldman's Brave New World of Wine" (\$20, Norton), he sniffs and swirls dozens of lesser-known — yet delicious — bottles, from Spanish Albarino (a crisp white) to Aussie Sparkling Shiraz. We caught up with him about his fave pours. **JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)**



This book, like your others, is written in a lively, non-wine-snob way. Is that the key to making people less intimidated by it?

Yeah. I think people don't want to be obsessed with wine, but they want to drink it like insiders. They don't want to learn about the intricacies of fermentation or wine history. I'm trying to remove impediments between drinking the good stuff and the consumer.

I'm a vino newbie. How can I figure out what to buy?

Learn what you like — the color, weight. Then figure out how much you want to spend. If you're in a restaurant, talk to the sommelier, and ask how they'd describe a wine. If you can speak their language, that helps you at the wine store.

You talk about a lot of wines people aren't familiar with in this book. Which do you really, really want us to try?

I like Argentina's Torrentes for white. It's got a flowery nose and isn't overly heavy. It's a crowd pleaser at parties, and you can get it for \$10 a bottle. And one red casual drinkers don't know about is Cru Beaujoulis, which is a richer take on the Gamay grape in Beaujolais Nouveaux. It's a great \$28 to \$34 wine that's not too heavy. It's a red that acts like a white.



If you usually sip Chianti, try

Lambrusco

(\$14, Potenza Wine, 15th and H streets NW; 202-638-4444)

No, Lambrusco doesn't automatically mean the sickly sweet Riunite jug you hazily remember from college.

Smaller-batch versions of the fizzy Italian red tend to be dry and fruity, and do a delicious, flowery dance with pizza or a rich cured meat.

What about dessert wine?

So many people just hate it — they think of it as a version of Aunt Jemima's syrup. But Moscati di Asti is the dessert wine for people who don't like dessert wines. It's light and slightly fizzy with a nose that'll knock people's socks off.

Why are some of these lesser-known wines so cheap?

You pay a premium for familiarity, for fame and perception.

What about food and wine — what's the key to pairing them without going crazy?

Certain food grew up with certain wines, so think about matching the region of the wine to the food, like Argentine empanadas and Torrentes, which you could build a whole party around. Or devote an evening to just one kind of wine. Compare it, get to know it.



If you heart Pinot Grigio or Sauvignon Blanc try

Vermentino

(\$10, Total Wine & More, 1451 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Va.; 703-749-0011)

As fresh and dry as a Mediterranean beach, this crisp bargain usually hails from Sardinia, though it's also made in other parts of Italy and France. Try it with seafood or any dish starring olives or capers.

Winks lookout



Are you a Pinot Grigio freak?

Then get a glass of

Moschofilero

(\$10, Total Wine & More)

All Greek white wines do not taste of Pine-Sol! This as-of-yet-unheralded white from the land of Dionysus boasts a crisp finish and a peachy smell. Its foodie friends: grilled octopus and Greek salad. And you say it Mo-sko-FEE-leh-ro.



If you crave French Champagne but can't afford it, go for

American Sparkling Wine

(\$20, Total Wine & More)

Yes, it's impressive to pop the cork of a bottle of Cristal. But with genuine French fizzers costing \$30 and much, much more, home-grown bubbly from Napa (or even New Mexico) tastes lovely and fruity, and plays well with everything from caviar to egg rolls.



If you like fruity, dry white wines, go for some

New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc

(\$12, Continental Liquor, 1100 Vermont Ave. NW; 202-223-0616) Though Kiwi "savvy B" isn't quite under the radar, Oldman finds it among the most dependable, affordable quaffs around. Serve the tangy, citrusy white with shellfish and veggie dishes.



Are you a gulper of Merlot or Shiraz?

Then try

Argentine Malbec

(\$11, Continental Liquor,)

In France, the Malbec grape gets blended into red Bordeaux. But in the New World, it tangos on its own as a soft, chocolaty pour in love with grilled meats (lamb, sausage, beef) or firm cheeses such as Manchego.



What's a weird food and wine combo that works?

Mark Oldman says, "You can mix humble spare ribs with a great Champagne, or popcorn with chardonnay. And you can drink a bottle of Burgundy with pizza. Just like with clothes and art, mix high and low."

Love rich reds such as Cabernet Sauvignon or Riojas? Then get to know

Priorat

(\$20, Total Wine & More) Coat your tongue in this Spanish red's plummy, herby and minerally combo when eating red meat or anything made with tons of garlic. This is serious, dark stuff that tastes more expensive than it is, so trot it out when you're cooking a special steak or trying to impress a date.



lookout entertainment

The Reelist



MARK FELLMAN/DISNEY/AP

Sigourney, Again

When I have my all-women celebrity poker night at home (which will be shortly after I learn to play poker), I will invite Dolly Parton, Jennifer Garner and Sigourney Weaver (above right). While Dolly and Jennifer will probably help with the dishes, I am most excited about playing cards with

Sigourney. I'm not sure whether I want to be her friend or to just be her.

Which is why I don't even care if "You Again," opening today, is any good. I want to see Sigourney, and I want to see her do comedy.

Ever since "Working Girl," I've thought she's one of the most underrated comic actresses working today. She's in "Working Girl" for maybe 30 minutes and she — along with Joan Cusack — dominates the movie.

Watch any scene with the two of them: Even while standing still, Sigourney runs circles around Melanie Griffith. Same with her turn in "Dave": she makes vaguely shrewish first lady Ellen sharp, vulnerable and funny. And "Galaxy Quest"? Always good when it comes on basic cable.

Comedic roles for women are often so flat that it makes sense that Sigourney has spaced her comedies far apart; her choosiness is probably a reason people don't think of her as a comedic actress. But she is often much better than the movies she's in (ahem, "Heartbreakers"), so even if "You Again" isn't that funny, Sigourney Weaver is always worth a look.



Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: expressnightout.com/thereelist



By Kristen Page-Kirby



BARRY WETCHER/20TH CENTURY FOX/AP

Michael Douglas reprises his role as the reptilian Gordon Gekko, left, who seeks redemption with the help of Shia LaBeouf.

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Rich in Relevance

Oliver Stone's greedy 'Wall Street' villain is back to face modern financial challenges

Film Review

Michael Douglas makes a triumphant return to form as one of American cinema's great villains in "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," the 23-years-later sequel to the movie that captured the go-go '80s.

In its own giddy, glib way, "Money Never Sleeps" evinces just

as strong a hold on its times, when terms like "subprime," "insurance swaps" and "credit default swaps" — phrases that would have been virtually meaningless two decades ago — are the lingua franca of the financial realm. The crimes that Gekko went to jail for in Oliver Stone's original film now seem like child's play compared with the shady deals his spiritual heirs have been concocting during his years in prison. Now that he has been released (reclaiming a mobile phone the size of a shoebox), Gekko has renounced his past life of ava-

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13)

- **Director:** Oliver Stone
- **Stars:** Michael Douglas, Shia LaBeouf, Carey Mulligan
- **In a Nutshell:** A disgraced Wall Street trader tries to alert the financial community of coming doom.
- **For Fans Of:** "Wall Street"

rice and (what else?) published a book. It's called "Is Greed Good?" and is a clever turnabout on his most famous line from the first "Wall Street."

Familiar Face



She's Everywhere!

This is a big weekend for "Money Never Sleeps" star Carey Mulligan, who's also in "Never Let Me Go," out Friday. Mulligan didn't hesitate to take on the vastly different role of "Never Let Me Go's" Kathy H., above. A fan of the 2005 book of the same name, Mulligan "couldn't bear the idea of anyone else playing Kathy, and I felt [the role] had to be mine," she told Straight.com. (EXPRESS)

Douglas tucks into Gekko with gleeful relish, his physical gusto made all the more gratifying given the unwelcome recent news that the actor is fighting throat cancer. His famous hair now gray, Gekko presents the perfect antihero, a deliciously amoral bad guy on a quest for redemption (or maybe just a piece of the new action). The ally he has chosen for the journey is a young entrepreneur named Jake Moore (Shia LaBeouf), who just happens to be engaged to Gekko's estranged daughter, Winnie (Carey Mulligan).

Stone has managed to wring unlikely entertainment value from what we now know was the longest recession since World War II. With style, wry humor and a healthy dose of cautionary polemic, he's made some of our most troubling recent history great fun to watch.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Weekend Preview

- Philip Seymour Hoffman makes his directorial debut with the drama 'Jack Goes Boating.'
- Innocent Facebook friendships lead to more than expected in the reality thriller 'Catfish.'
- Owls duke it out for world domination in 'Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole.'
- 'Jean-Michel Basquiat: The Radiant Child' examines the bebop-influenced neoexpressionist.
- A handsome seducer wreaks havoc on relationships in the French rom-com 'Heartbreaker.'

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ALPHA AND OMEGA (G, 88 minutes) The story of this 3-D film concerns Kate (voice of Hayden Panettiere), a rising alpha female in a Canadian wolf pack who's destined to be paired off with Garth (Chris Carmack), the rising alpha male of a rival pack. The food source is becoming scarce, and the two packs' elders, Winston (Danny Glover) and Tony (the late Dennis Hopper), have agreed to unite their kingdoms. But Humphrey (Justin Long), an omega wolf at the other end of the social hierarchy, likes Kate. They're both captured by humans, who truck them off to Idaho to repopulate a park there. While struggling to get back home with the assistance of a couple of friendly waterfowl, Humphrey and Kate get to know each other. **M.O.**

THE AMERICAN (R, 103 minutes) George Clooney brings his most somber, furrowed game face to the role of a hit man named Jack, who as the movie opens finds himself ambushed on an isolated, ice-covered Swedish lake. The odd gunshot notwithstanding, the scene transpires in almost complete silence. Once Jack dispatches his would-be foes in Scandinavia, he departs for Italy, where his boss (Johan Leysen) suggests he lie low for a while and await further orders. When Jack starts to work on a high-test rifle for a gorgeous client named Mathilde (Thekla Reuten), he also begins to visit a nearby brothel and strikes up a carnal friendship with Clara (Violante Placido), a hooker-with-a-heart-of-gold character. **A.H.**

DESPICABLE ME (PG, 95 minutes) The nasty streak that animates its protagonist, a hollow-eyed super-villain named Gru (voiced by Steve Carell), is so deep and wide as to seem insurmountable. But the film turns into an improbably heartwarming, not to mention visually delightful, diversion. After another evildoer impresses the world by stealing the Great Pyramid of Giza, Gru looks for his big comeback and hits on the idea of stealing the moon. He adopts three sweet girls from an orphanage run by a Southern belle (Kristen Wiig), and, along with an army of tiny yellow "minions," begins to bring his plan into action. **A.H.**

EASY A (PG-13, 92 minutes) The film opens with Olive (Emma Stone) broad-



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casting a confession over the Internet, recounting the sordid episodes that caused her current predicament of friendlessness with a side of bad reputation. It all started with a small lie to get out of camping with her best friend's hippie parents. But her excuse spirals into a tale of "sexy Glade candles" and lost virginity. After that piece of gossip blankets the school, guys she doesn't

even know are suddenly bombarding Olive with attention. But when she agrees to help a bullied gay friend by pretending to sleep with him, she learns that there's a thin line between sexy and slutty. **STEPHANIE MERRY**

EAT PRAY LOVE (PG-13, 133 minutes) Julia Roberts portrays author Elizabeth Gilbert as she recovers from a disastrous

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divorce, painful rebound relationship and general spiritual ennui on a year-long trip through Italy, India and Bali. Even newcomers, men included, can enjoy being swept up in the film's lavish third

chapter, where Gilbert meets a seductive Brazilian named Felipe (Javier Bardem) and embarks on a luscious love affair. Her supporting characters get more time in India, where Gilbert meets "Richard from Texas," played here by Richard Jenkins as a broken man healing his scars through bravado and spiritual seeking. A.H.

THE EXPENDABLES (R, 103 minutes)

This action thriller written and directed

by Sylvester Stallone is designed to leave filmgoers feeling pummeled into submission. Just when the film threatens to sink under its own weight, Terry Crews blows a guy's brains out, silhouetted through a backlit doorway, and the entire groaning enterprise levitates on a ludicrous plume of pure camp. Stallone plays Barney Ross, leader of the titular gang of mercenaries with names like Lee

Christmas (Jason Statham) and Gunnar Jensen (Dolph Lundgren); Crews himself plays Hale Caesar. Hired by a man named Mr. Church to unseat a despot in South America, Ross and the boys lay waste to everything they see. A.H.

FLIPPED (PG, 90 minutes) Juli Baker (Madeline Carroll) likes fellow eighth-grader Bryce Loski (Callan McAuliffe). Bryce, on the other hand, thinks Juli

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is annoying. The film's title is a play on words. On one level, it refers to the crush Juli has on Bryce. On another level, it refers to the film's central plot shift. At one point, after Bryce has ignored Juli's feelings once too often, making yet another insensitive comment, she comes to the realization that he's a big, fat jerk. At which point he starts mooning over her. **M.O.**

GOING THE DISTANCE (R, 103 minutes) When record-company flunk Garrett (Justin Long) meets newspaper intern Erin (Drew Barrymore) one summer in New York, there's no expectation that the relationship will go anywhere. He's on the rebound, and she's about to leave town to return to journalism school on the West Coast. Fast-forward to the airport, where they suddenly announce that they're crazy about each other. Neither makes enough money to visit more frequently than once every few months. So, between the occasional rutting-filled holiday weekend, they have to resort to phone sex, late-night Skype-ing and texting each other every five minutes. **M.O.**

HIDEAWAY (NR, 88 minutes) The French drama, from writer-director François Ozon ("Swimming Pool"), centers on Mousse (Isabelle Carré), a young, drug-addicted woman who discovers she's pregnant in the film's opening minutes. Louis (Melvil Poupaud), the father of her unborn child, has just died, the victim of a drug overdose. Fast-forward several months. Now on methadone to stave off withdrawal, Mousse has retreated to a house in a sleepy seaside village to have her baby. While there, she gets a visit from Paul, Louis's gay brother (singer Louis-Ronan Choisy). He decides to stay awhile. After some initial prickliness, they end up spending much of the summer — and the movie — talking about things large and small. **M.O.**

INCEPTION (PG-13, 148 minutes) Dom Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio) makes his living navigating the minds of other people, sharing their dreams and stealing ideas in an elaborate psychological gambit known as "extraction." Cobb has worked mostly with businesses engaged in super-complicated corporate espionage. But rather than steal an idea, a client named Saito (Ken Watanabe) hires Cobb to plant one in the mind of Robert

Fischer (Cillian Murphy), the would-be heir to an energy conglomerate, in a process called "inception." It's a tough job, and Cobb proceeds to assemble a crack team of dream-weavers to help him pull it off. **A.H.**

JOHN RABE (NR, 134 minutes) John Rabe (1882-1950) was a German businessman and Nazi party member. He has been called the Oskar Schindler of China for his

efforts to save hundreds of thousands of Chinese lives during the 1937 siege of that city by the Japanese. The fictionalized telling by German writer-director Florian Gallenberger is actually a pretty darn gripping yarn. When the invading Japanese troops start massacring and raping innocent Chinese citizens, Rabe agrees to help set up a neutral "safety zone" within

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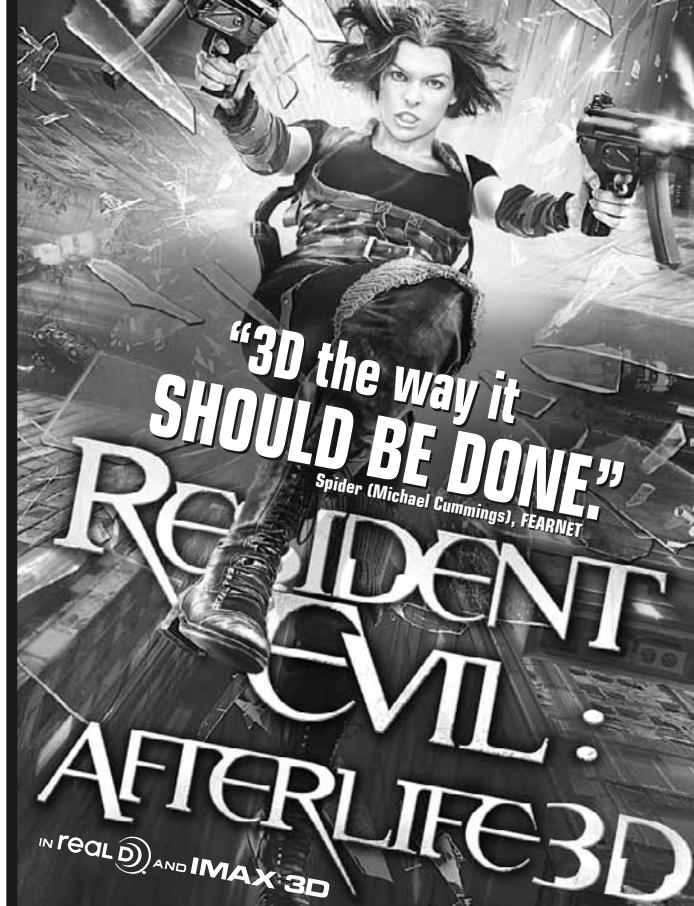
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the city, off-limits to both Chinese and Japanese troops. His odd partners in this endeavor are a Nazi-hating American doctor (Steve Buscemi), a German Jewish diplomat (Daniel Bruehl) and the

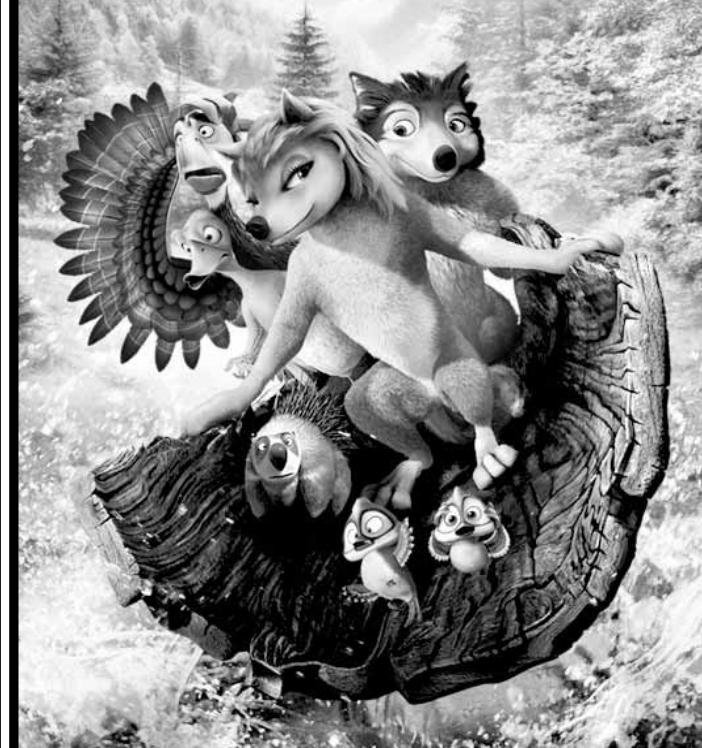
French headmistress of a Chinese girl's school (Anne Consigny). **M.O.**

LAST TRAIN HOME (NR, 87 minutes) Lixin Fan's methodical but crafty documentary tells the story, movingly and without narration, of the world's largest human migration, which takes place during the Chinese New Year's holiday, when 130 million Chinese migrant workers return home to visit the families they left

behind. The film focuses on Changhua Zhang and his wife, Suqin Chen, who left their impoverished farming community—and their year-old daughter, Qin, in the care of her grandmother—to find work. As the film opens, we see them slaving away in a clothing factory and preparing to go home to see Qin, now a teenager, and her younger brother, Yang. **M.O.**
MACHETE (R, 104 minutes) As capital-m

Machete, Danny Trejo makes a ferocious first impression as a Mexican cop. In the film's opening minutes, he and his small-m friend are shown severing the heads of three drug-cartel goons with a single stroke. The event sets the tone for the rest of the movie, whose violence is so absurdly over the top as to be comical. The movie, co-directed by Robert Rodriguez and his long-time

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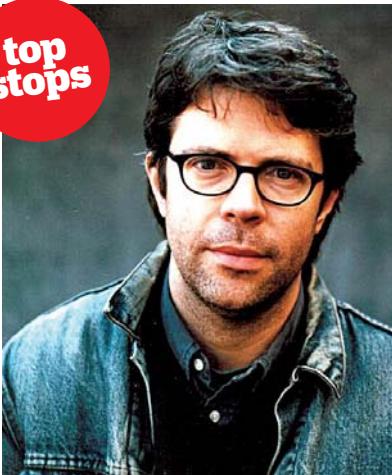
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1 Liberty, Equality, Black Glasses

Jonathan Franzen's new book, "Freedom," marks him as the savior of American literature and, in fact, of freedom itself. All the obnoxious hype isn't really his fault, and honestly it's somewhat comforting to see anyone getting so excited about a novel that doesn't have vampires or wizards in it. So, go hear him talk about the book. It's free! **Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Fri., 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, Politics-prose.com. (Van Ness)**

2 Making Stuff Up

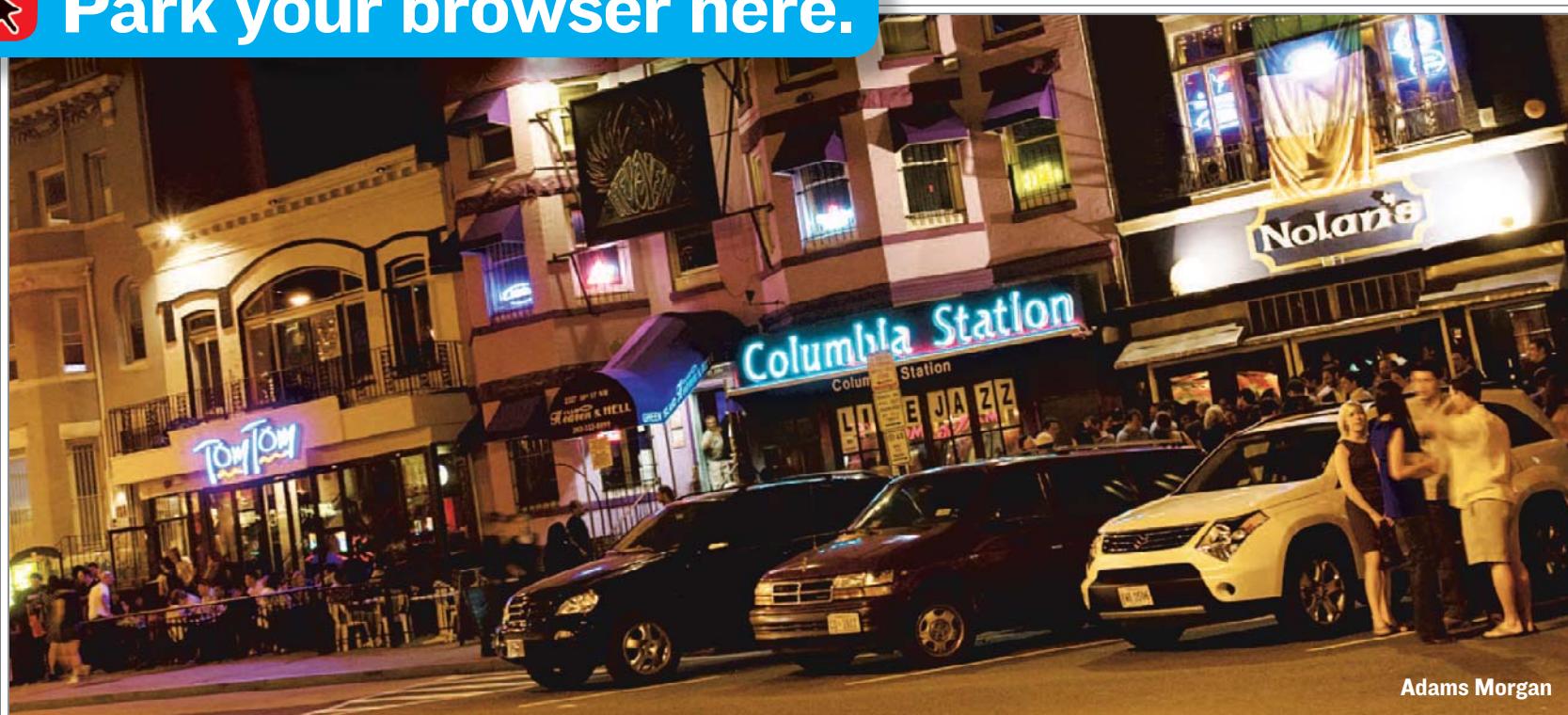
Spaces where funny or possibly just insane people are allowed free rein to go wild are rare outside the newspaper business. But there's always improv comedy, which can go horribly awry — or go the way of Second City, the Chicago comedy troupe that launched the careers of every funny person ever. Its show, "Fair and Balanced," is at the Smithsonian this weekend. **National Museum of Natural History, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; Fri., 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m., \$25; 202-633-3030, Residentassociates.org.**

3 Vicarious Thrills

"The Talented Mr. Ripley" was an incredibly creepy and yet extraordinarily beautiful movie about a guy killing people and stealing their identities amid sparkling canals and jazz music, and now it is an incredibly creepy yet extraordinarily beautiful play. But this stage version has Karl Miller, one of D.C.'s most consistently excellent actors, as Tom Ripley. **Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda; through Sept. 26; 240-644-1100, Roundhousetheatre.org.**



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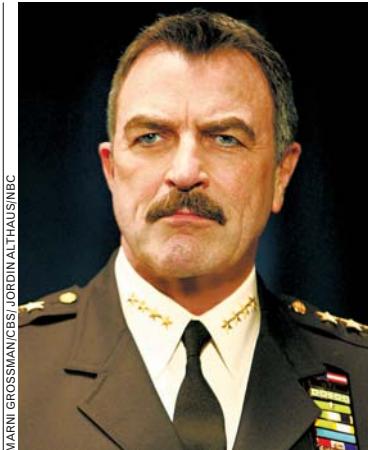
Selleck Versus Smits

The mustachioed one might pull viewers away from 'Outlaw'

Premiere

FRI 10:00 Tom Selleck, the taciturn star of the popular CBS "Jesse Stone" movie franchise, returns to a regular series in "Blue Bloods," a police drama in which he doesn't so much star as preside, like a family patriarch or a bronze bust.

He's Frank Reagan, the New York City police commissioner, the son of a police commissioner and the widowed father of at least three cops, one dead. Donnie Wahlberg plays Danny Reagan, a hot-head cop used to breaking the rules and fuming Sonny Corleone-style because he cares so darn much. His younger brother, Jamie (Will Estes), has joined the force by way of Harvard Law School, a bit of a surprise to everybody, including his startled fiancee.



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Tom Selleck, left, presides over "Blue Bloods," while Jimmy Smits stars on "Outlaw."

Less than 24 hours out of the academy, Jamie is approached by a super-secret task force, an investigatory agency unknown to even his dad, the commissioner. Something's up, and it might involve his dead brother. Or his living brother?

It's interesting to note that 10 p.m. on Fridays — the slowest hour of a slow night — has now become a ratings smackdown between Tom Selleck and Jimmy Smits, star of

NBC's "Outlaw." Can "Magnum P.I." beat "L.A. Law"? Both actors are great TV stars. It's Selleck — the strong, silent type — versus Smits — the gabby do-gooder.

Perhaps there's a political angle here, too. "Outlaw" wears its liberalism on its sleeve. Selleck has long extolled conservative causes. And his character is named Reagan. **KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)**



Best Bets

SAT 11:29 **Saturday Night Live** Amy Poehler, left, hosts and welcomes musical guest Katy Perry as the most-nominated TV show in Emmy history enters its 36th season on NBC. New faces include Vanessa Bayer, Paul Brittain, Taran Killam and Jay Pharaoh.



SUN 8:00 **The Simpsons** In the 22nd season opener on Fox, Marge sends Lisa to a performing arts camp, where her artsy counselors and fellow campers (guest voices Lea Michele, Cory Monteith and Amber Riley, from "Glee") inspire her.



SUN 9:00 **Dexter** TV's most improbable charmer — killer Dexter Morgan — returns for a fifth season, as the Showtime drama opens in the aftermath of his wife's murder — a crime that raises the suspicions of colleague Joey Quinn, who forces Deb to look at her brother in a new light.



SUN 10:00 **Sister Wives** Think of it as HBO's "Big Love," but for real. This new TLC reality series follows a polygamous family in Utah headed by Kody and his three wives, Meri, Janelle and Christine, who have 13 children among them. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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COMMENTER FRANK

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You mustn't let a lack of up-to-date information keep you from making a move toward an exciting new goal. You'll be more informed soon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) How you respond to environmental influences will make all the difference. Don't over-react in any way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are seeking cooperation from someone who may not be one of your usual allies. Send no mixed messages; keep things aboveboard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) All signs are pointing in a certain direction, but you are feeling uneasy about what you see around the next corner. Use caution.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The work you do with others can be more valuable to you than anything you do on your own, no matter how successful it may be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone you know well may be hiding something from you, and you'll feel compelled to get to the bottom of this minor mystery.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Instructions you receive should be clear and straightforward. There's no reason you cannot come through with flying colors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be nervous about what is expected of you, but if you rely on your talent and trust your instincts, you should fare well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid negligence of any kind. Ignore the signs that are revealed to you at your own peril. A friend comes up with a timely piece of information.

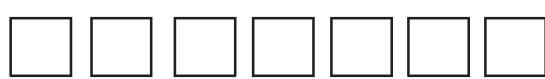
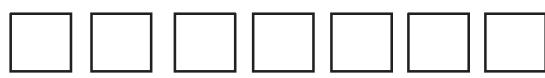
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Experience and ability combine to serve you quite well, but you may be feeling insecure if you must venture into new territory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be anticipating a period of rest, but you're likely to hear opportunity knocking—and you can't afford to ignore the call.

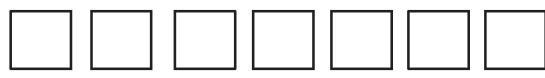
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone may be telling you to get your act together—and indeed, you would do well to rethink what you are trying to accomplish at this time.

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Yesterday's Solution

C ₃	A ₁	T ₁	N ₁	I ₁	P ₃		RACK 1 = 10
V ₄	I ₁	B ₃	R ₁	A ₁	N ₁	T ₁	RACK 2 = 63
K ₅	I ₁	L ₁	O ₁	T ₁	O ₁	N ₁	RACK 3 = 61
P ₃	E ₁	T ₁	C ₃	O ₁	C ₃	K ₆	RACK 4 = 101 TOTAL 235 PAR SCORE 145-155

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

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Yesterday's Solution

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85 | 56

Tomorrow: Clouds and sun tomorrow. A thunderstorm in spots tomorrow night.



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Sunrise today: 6:57 a.m.	Normal high: 77
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Crossword

ACROSS

1 Group of three
 6 Reads through quickly
 11 Well-suited
 14 Concerning the kidneys
 15 Amsterdam bloom
 16 Elton's john?
 17 Like someone sleeping with a light on
 20 Subatomic particle
 21 Insider dirt
 22 Garcon's list
 23 School org.
 24 The four needed for gagging?
 25 1987 Barry Levinson film
 26 Roomy vehicle
 28 "Toodle-oo"
 29 Outs' counterparts
 30 Casino patron
 34 Flashback drug
 35 "Shut up already!"
 37 "Golden Girls" actress McClanahan
 38 Very beginnings

DOWN

1 Vagabonds
 2 Contradict
 3 Tactical advance

39 Long-leaved lettuce
 40 "Nearer, My _____, to Thee"
 41 Country album?
 45 Move a painting
 47 Beat decisively, Southern style
 50 "Now ____ seen everything!"
 51 Sun-baked brick
 52 There are 14 in a fortnight
 53 Played follow-the-leader
 54 Inane
 57 Farrah's ex
 58 Woman with a come-hither look
 59 ____ time (eventually)
 60 ____ on the side of caution
 61 Prepares for a bout
 62 Performs eye surgery, in a way

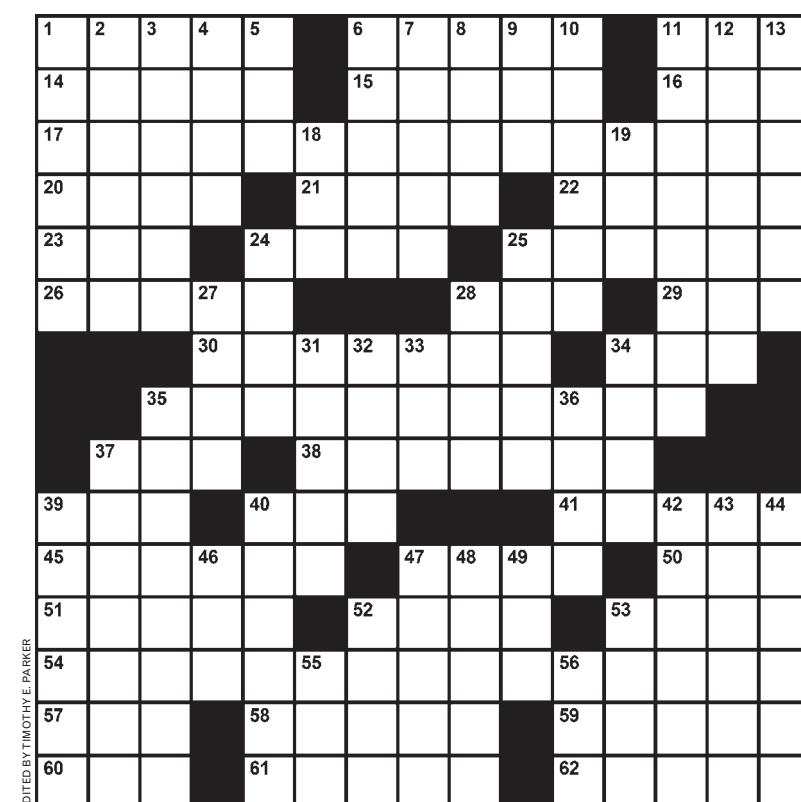
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1 Vagabonds
 2 Contradict
 3 Tactical advance

4 Bread from a tandoor
 5 Giants quarterback Manning
 6 Fourteen pounds, to a Brit
 7 Cops may slap them on
 8 A cappella group part
 9 Fed. biomedical research agcy.
 10 Coined money
 11 Scaremonger
 12 Forebode
 13 Turnstile unlockers
 18 Tool's partner
 19 Actor Aykroyd
 24 Annoying insect
 25 Pros' opposites
 27 Chills and fever fit
 28 "Adam ____" (George Eliot novel)
 31 One of the nations led by Satan in Revelation
 32 Needed a tourniquet
 33 Vietnam Veterans Memorial

designer Maya
 34 Shopper's reference
 35 Easily defeated type
 36 Tide type
 37 Graceful antlered critter
 39 Baby bed
 40 Banded metamorphic rock
 42 Fatty organic compounds in living cells
 43 Pennsylvania, in Washington
 44 Swamp grasses
 46 Blood-group letters
 47 Thin, crisp cookie
 48 Choir offerings
 49 "____ it or lose it!"
 52 "____ the Explorer" (kids' show)
 53 "Black Beauty" novelist Sewell
 55 Ballroom dancing move
 56 Suffer illness

Yesterday's Solution



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Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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Today in History

1869 Thousands of businessmen are ruined in a Wall Street panic known as "Black Friday" after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempt to corner the gold market.

1976 Former hostage Patricia Hearst is sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery in San Francisco carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

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TRUE LOVE

Christian Right Still Calls Her 'Heathen de Rossi'

Portia de Rossi has officially taken wife Ellen DeGeneres' last name. The television star will now legally be known as Portia Lee James DeGeneres. The couple were married in August 2008, during the five-month window in which gay marriage was legal in California. Portia DeGeneres is well-known for her roles on several television series, including "Arrested Development." (AP)

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

Exploitation of Animals Is Cool Only if They're Women



Pamela Anderson posed in a lettuce bikini and other celebrities have spoken out against factory farming, bullfighting and the use of great apes in entertainment. They've done all this and more for PETA, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. And PETA is thanking the stars at its big 30th birthday party at the Hollywood Palladium on Saturday. (AP)



Elmo prepares to take a bite out of Katy Perry's arm. The subsequent footage was deemed too gory for color television.

CLEAVAGE

'U' Is for Uptight

Katy Perry's cleavage is fine for Russell Brand — but not for Elmo and "Sesame Street." The children's show says it won't air a taped segment featuring the "California Gurls" singer and Elmo. Perry, who is known for her risqué outfits, wore a gold bustier top as she sang a version of her hit "Hot N Cold." But some felt it was too revealing for the kid set. (AP)



Dirtbag Digest

Conflict of He's-a-Big-Jerk

New "American Idol" judge Jennifer Lopez has banned her ex-husband, Ojani Noa, from auditioning for the show. Radaronline.com reports that Noa planned to audition with one of Lopez's songs, which seems like a poor choice even if one was never married to her. (EXPRESS)



Reader Mail

In your paper of today, you had a small note on Kim Kardashian being at the Octoberfest [sic] in Muenchen wearing a "drindle." It cracked me up; there is no such thing as a "drindle." It is called a dirndl, not an uncomplicated word and very typical for a Bavarian outfit, but to see it spelled that way just made me laugh and also crinch [sic]! Prosit and cheers ...

HJ



"He didn't have enough choices before? How many women do you need, Brad? They should really re-evaluate that one."

— ELISABETH HASSELBECK REGISTERS HER DISPLEASURE AT THE CASTING OF BRAD WOMACK AS ABC'S "THE BACHELOR" FOR THE SECOND TIME.

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WEATHER



We at The Unwound Times apologize for the recent lack of forecasts.⁴ We seem to be getting some conflicting reports from our two-man weather team, who as it turns out are lying through their Brit teeth. Mr. Nawtrue seems to be lying on Mon., Tues. and Wed. Mr. McFibbon lies on Thurs., Fri. and Sat. On Sun. both tell the truth.

The two gave the following statements: One quipped, "I'll lie tomorrow." The other stated, "I lied yesterday and will lie tomorrow." We're not even sure who said what or what day they were interviewed on.⁴

*For now we suggest holding a hand out the window.

DINING



CHEF IN A JAM WHILST MAKING JAM

Ask any fine gentleman or sophisticated lady: the dandiest place to eat these days is the Foxx Denn. The star dish of the establishment is the world-famous apricot jam. Chef Foxxman is the mastermind behind the smooth yet complex jam. After begged for a bit, he agreed to take us back into the kitchen for an exciting and exclusive jam session.

"The trick to my jam is to add precisely two ounces of lemon juice for each pitted apricot," stated the chef. The chef's assistant had already stirred up all the apricots in the pot, and the chef did not know how many were in there. Still, he had no problem deciding how many ounces of lemon juice to stir in. We're not quite sure how Foxxman figured it out!⁵

SPECIAL DELIVERY: FISH, CHIPS & MYSTERY

A smashing new restaurant Pfish and Chippis opened today. Run by the siblings Bradford Pfish and Shana Chippis, Pfish & Chippis is rumored to have the most fantastic English grub in town. Though the

food is brilliant the grand opening started out with quite the conundrum. There were three crates delivered to the restaurant: one labeled Fish, the second labeled Chips and the third labeled Fish & Chips. The driver, who dropped off the crates, told the owners that all the crates were labeled incorrectly, and they could only ask him to take out one piece of food from one of the crates. Curious. The question still remains: which crate should the brothers choose to determine the correct labels?⁶

BUSINESS



FARMER'S MARKET MATHEMAGIC

The Malachy Farmer's Market has been booming in sales lately with its odd and yet spectacular deals.

"It's simple, really," stated owner Malachy Bichonmore. "I create deals that are impossible to beat."

Indeed he does. The latest is a sale of 100 animals for exactly \$100. Patrons are given the option of buying goats for \$15 each, geese for \$1 each and hens for \$0.25 each but must buy one of each animal. The trick is to figure out how to spend exactly \$100.⁷

RAILROAD LINE BEING RAILROADED

The Titus London Railway is considering closing down its Featherhall-Ballyham line due to ever-sparser use. Inspectors have recently struck upon an odd phenomenon on the southbound line - beginning in Featherhall one-sixth of the passengers exit, one-fifth at Long Buckhorn, one-fourth at Mafferton, one-third at Little Waverdale, half at Grimsby-upon-Humber and ending at

Ballyham, where just one exits. Just how many passengers are using this once-venerable rail-line remains to be seen, though decidedly not many.⁸

CRIMES



CRAFTY CRIMINAL ELUDES EXTINCTION

Vince Gerag will breathe another day. Having been sentenced to a 10-man firing squad, Gerag was tied to a post in the center of Royal Sircull Square.

The judge did allow Gerag to choose the arrangement of the squad, provided they be no more than 6 meters away. Having been arranged according to his instruction, the pluckless firing squad refused to fire. The judge, suspecting collusion, is demanding expeditious investigation into the curious case.⁹

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OBITUARIES



Reginald Biddulph passed away yesterday of acute gout. A famed mathematician, he leaves behind a notable legacy at Fractionburg Institute. However, the date of his birth remains a mystery — although the scholar did leave this note behind:

"After spending a blissful 1/6th of my life as a child, I spent 1/12th of my life as an amorous young man. Then, 1/7th of my life later, I got married. After five years of wedded bliss, I was blessed with a child, but sadly, he only lived half the time I was alive before passing. Today, two years after his death, I too shall step from this mortal coil."¹⁰



"Bubbles" Bubbington was an exceptional purveyor of luxury British grog for over 50 years. In his will, he stated that 21 barrels of his grog will go to his three sons. Seven of those barrels are filled, seven are half full and seven are completely empty.

The champagne and the barrels must be split so that each son has the same number of full, half-full and empty barrels. The regrettable truth is that Lucius left no measuring devices to his sons, and they must solely use the barrels to divide their inheritance. It is unclear how they will rectify this puzzling situation.¹¹

MISSING CONNECTIONS

LOOKING FOR YOU:

I look at the photograph all day. If someone asks about it, I say, "Brothers and sisters, I have none. But that man's father is my father's son." Who is it in this photograph that I so long to lay eyes on once again?¹²

AT YOUR FEET:

I see you outside every day. I usually disappear around noon, but then I return. I promise to always be with you on sunny days. Do you even know me?¹³



CEREBRAL DIAGNOSTICS?

Before you run off to help Professor Layton, why not stop by for a routine brain-readiness test at MacGregor & Pridmore's? Quick, semi-painless and almost side-effect free! Stop in today and see if you have a proper brain for the task.

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ASK LAYTON

'A REAL PILL'

Good sir,

O, what a sizable dunderhead I am! Recently, my doctor prescribed me 10 identical-in-appearance pills. The snag is, I must consume these pills in a precise order — thus, I've decided to number them. The question is, how many of these blasted pills will I need to number in order to keep track of the order? Your response is most urgent for soon I may expire!



Godspeed,
W.B. Chodberry

'SPOILER ALERT'

Professor!

If you would be so kind, might you reveal the answers to the conundrums? Many thanks!

Friends,
I would be happy to oblige. Here are the answers you

seek: 1) \$1.19
3 quarters, 4 dimes, 4 pennies. 2) Seven people are coming over. Two little girls, a boy, their parents, & their father's parents. 3) "P" for purple. 4) Wednesday.

Nawtrue said the 2nd statement and McFibber the 1st. 5) He counted the pits. 6) Choose from the one marked "fish and chips." 7) 3 goats, 41 geese and 56 hens. 8) Six people 9) He arranged them in a circle. 10) 82. 11) Two half-full barrels are dumped into one of the empty barrels. Two more half-full barrels are dumped into another one of the empty. Each son gets 3 full barrels, one half-full barrel and 3 empty barrels. 12) His son. 13) Your shadow.

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